Prince Hassan meets Arab-Americans

WASHINGTON (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan Monday met with the president and members of the Arab-American Chamber of Commerce board as well as with Jordanian and Arab Arab Chamber of Commerce board as well as with Jordanian and Arab Chamber of Commerce board as well as with Jordanian and Arab Chamber of Commerce board as well as with Jordanian and Arab Chamber of Commerce board as well as with Jordanian and Arab Chamber of Commerce board as well as businessmen in the U.S. Prince Hassan reviewed financial and economic pressures on Jordan and called for more participation in developmental projects in the Middle East in light of the recent developments. "It is time that Arabs abroad play an important role in their nation's development," Prince Hassan said. Pointing out that international expecutiture in the region must be directed towards development of human resources and not towards infrastructure.

Later, the Prince delivered a lecture at the Washington Studies Institute, one of the most distinguished and specialised institutes in the domain of political affairs and international relations in the world. The Prince reaffirmed Jordan's support for the Palestinian people and pointed to the country's constant efforts to make it possible for the Palestinian people secure their national and legitimate rights on their national soil.

An independent Arab political daily pur يتصدر والمحلوبة عن المؤسسة الصحفية الأربشية ،الراي،

UAE urges Iran to resolve dispute

UNITED NATIONS (AFP) — The United Arah Emirates (UAE) called Monday on Iran to come to a peaceful solution of their territorial dispute over three islands in the Gulf. The UAE wish to negotiate directly with Iran over sovereignty of the islands near the Straits of Hormuz which it says have been occupied by Iran since (97). UAE Foreign Munister Rashid Abdullah Al Nuaimi told the United Nations. The foreign minister also told the U.N. General Assembly that the international community must force leag to fulfill U.N. resolutions, particularly the resolution ordering Baghdad to recognise the new frontier separating Iraq and Kuwait. "The suffering and the hardships endured by the Iraqi people is the responsibility of the Iraqi regime because of its refusal to implement fully all relevant Security Council resolutions." he said. "At the same time, we would like to emphasise that it is imperative to maintain the unity and the territorial integrity of Iraq," he said. Mr. Nuaimi praised the Israel-PLO accord as encouraging and said he hoped it would lead to "a total Israeli withdrawal from the occupied Atab territories, including the Holy City of Jerusalem and the Syrian Golun."

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Iraq-U.N. talks said going well

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BAGHDAD (AFP) — Iraq and the United Nations have bad "constructive" talks on the long-term monitoring of Bagh-dad's post-war weapons arsenal, a U.N. spokesman said Mooday. U.N. disarmament chief Rolf Ekeus and Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Tareq Aziz had nine hours of discussions since Saturday and were to meet again on Monday evening. The discussions were "good and constructive" and "I expect good results," said the spokesman who declined to be identified. Iraq hopes that the talks will lead to the lifting of a three-year emhargo im-posed by the United Nations after Iraqi troops invaded Knwait in August 1990.

Rebel violence kilis 40 in Turkey

DIYARBAKIR, Turkey (R) - Thirty-one Kurdisb civilians were killed Monday in two eparate minibus attacks blamed on Kurdish rebels in southeast Turkey, officials said. Five soldiers and four guerrillas were reported killed in separate incidents io the mainly Kurdish regioo. A mimbus travelling in the morn-ing hetween Kayalar and Kayaliplnar villages in Mardin province hit a landmine. Twenty-six people, iocluding nine children and five women, were killed, a statement from the emergency rule governor's office in Diyarhakir said. Three people were wounded.

Robert Michel to retire — report

PEORIA, Illinois (AFP) —

House of Representatives minority leader Robert Michel ress next year, opening a key Repubbican leadership post, a newspaper reported Monday Mr. Michel's chief of staff declined to confirm the report in the Peoria Journal Star. First elected to Congress in 1956, Mr. Michel has served as Republican leader in the house since 1980. He faced a challenge for the party's leadership in the house from Newt Gingrich, of Georgia. "That certaioly was a factor in his being a bit frustrated, but the overwhelming factor is just that he has been in public life so long be just decided it was time to play some golf and enjoy thiogs more," a longtime associate of Mr. Michel said.

Arguments begin in bombing case

NEW YORK (R) — Opening arguments began Monday in the trial of four men accused of bombing the World Trade Centre, in a trial that is expected to last three to four months. U.S. District Judge Kevin Duffy took bis place at the bench exactly at the scheduled 10 a.m. EDT (1400 GMT) starting time. Mr. Duffy is known for his no-nonsense attitude that keeps the proceedings moving along on time. The courtroom, the largest in the historic U.S. court house in Lower Manhattan with 140 seats, was packed with reporters and relatives of he defendants.

U.S. to cut \$437m from loan guarantee

AND WASHINGTON (AFP) -The United States plans to deduct \$437 million from loan guarantees to Israel as a penalty for establishing Jewish settlements in the occupied territories, congressional sources said Monday. The sources said the State Department ootified Israel that the loan guarantees would be reduced from \$2 billion to a maximum of \$1.563 hillioo. Congress provided for up to \$10 hillion in loan guarantees to Israel over five years, but included a penalty provisioo to discourage new settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The penalties are to be levied for settlement building in excess of an agreement between the two governments. The loan guarantees were authorised to help Israel settle immigrants from the former Soviet Union.

Yeltsin routs foes in armed showdown

Tank-led assault ends revolt; Rutskoi, Khasbulatov arrested

Combined agency dispatches

MOSCOW -- President Boris Yeltsin's army tanks hludgeoned hardline communist rebels into submission on Monday in a 10-hour assault on their building that turned central Moscow into a killing zone.

Several hundred defenders of the deposed Russian parliament came out of the hlazing White House with their hands np — in an apparent turning point that spelled victory for loyalist forces.

The unarmed men. and women walked out of the building, down steps, moving between lines of soldiers and disappeared behind rows of

Some reports said hundreds died in a tank-led, dawn thrust by special forces commandos storming ahead in scenes surpassing Moscow street battles of the 1917 Bolshevik Revoln-

The leaders of the revolt against Mr. Yeltsin were

Hundreds of deputies in the dissolved parliament and their supporters also surrendered, Parliamentary Speaker Ruslan Khasbulatov, former Vice-President Alexander Rutskoi and their top aldes were arrested and brought to Moscow's Lefortovo prison, a

Russian militia loyal to President Boris Yeltsin guard defenders of the Russian parliament who surrendered source close to Mr. Yeltsin

The three ministers appointed by the rebel parliameot to head defence, security and armed forces in a parallel government were also put under arrest, as was the bead of the parliament's armed guards, Interfax quoted the Russian security mioistry as

saying.
The surrender of the rehel deputies amid continuing gun-fire and clashes between antiYeltsin protesters and Interior Ministry forces followed 13 days of escalating confronta-

The conflict was sparked when Mr. Yeltsin, hlocked for mooths from carrying out bis reform programme by conservatives io the Soviet-era parliament, announced on Sept. 21 that he was dissolving the legislature and calling new legislative elections.

It was the worst violence in decades in the Russian capital

after an assault Monday and (photo on right) former Parliament Speaker Ruslan Khasbulatov (left) and and the centre of emergency medical services said 25 people were confirmed dead and 261 were hospitalised with serious

injuries, interfax reported. Thousands of Muscovites looked on in hright autumn sunshine as fighting raged in the heart of this city of nine million people.

Witnesses saw dozens of bodies in and around the huilding, the centre of white stone facade now charred and scarred with a huge hole, flames licking from windows.

Smoke hillowed from the riverside building and fires blazed on several floors of the

wrecked interior. A long line of people, some in civilian clothes, some in military fatigues, filed out of the parliament between two columns of soldiers. Many had

their hands behind their heads in apparent surrender. But a crackle of automatic

fire still echoed around Mos-

cow City centre as diehards on

the upper floors fought on. Tank guns, grenades and automatic weapons turned Moscow's city centre into a war

former Vice-President Alexander Rutskoi are led from

the parliament building after their surrender (AFP)

Civilians, seemingly ohlivious of the danger, saw Mr. Yeltsin's troops move to crush the communist-led revolt that flared on Sunday as a bid to restore the collapsed Soviet

His commanders sent elite troops racing into the rebel stronghold under cover of tank

It was not clear how many people were in the building when the assault started or how many were killed in fight-

ing.
Lieutenant-General Dmitry Volkogonov, a top presidential military aide, told reporters 500 people had been killed. But he later told ITAR-TASS the esomate had come from deserters and was "clear-

ly exaggerated." He said government forces were taking every possible me-

asure to keep casualties to a minimum. Mr. Yeltsin, now ruling

under emergency decrees since he abolished parliament on Sept. 21 and ordered December elections, imposed an overnight curfew in the capital.

Mr. Yeltsin banned a range of opposition groups following the revolt, Interfax news agency said.

The agency said Justice Minister Yuri Kalmykov signed an order suspending the activity of a series of parties including the National Salvation Front — a powerful communist-nationalist group - and the main Russian Com-

munist Party.
Others included Pamyat, a Russian nationalist party with a strong anti-Semitic platform.

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Gammo presents upbeat prediction for economy after Washington talks

By P.V.Vivekanand Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - A series of meetings senior Jordaniao officials held io the second half of last month with the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the Clinton administratioo and international donors bave given an added dimension.to Jordan's efforts to improve its economy, Finance Minister Sami Gammo said Mon-

Mr. Gammo, who returned home Sunday after attending most of the meetings, said the discussioos covered most aspects of the Kingdom's economy, which is burdened with \$6.5 billion io foreign

The meetings with the World Bank and IMF involved Jordan's economic restructuring programme and its efforts to address its foreign debt, he said. The finance minister speci-

fically meotiooed remarks made by U.S. President Bill Clinton after a meeting with His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan at the White House on Friday which was also attended by Israeli Fore-ign Minister Sbimon Peres.

In the first direct comments by an American president oo Jordan's foreign debts, Mr. Clinton referred to the burden of the Kingdom and said it needs to be re-

"There needs to be some debt relief for Jordan, and the United States will support that. And there are a whole lot of other things that we need to be doing on that.' the president said. Mr. Gammo declined com-

ment when asked bow Jordan interpreted this remark. "I think the statement is clear and speaks for itseff," he

Diplomatic sources bave said that Jordan hopes to secure a write off of its \$380 million military dehts to Washington. The Kingdom also owes \$620 million to the U.S. in non-military debts, which cannot be written off under American laws.

An American move to write-off partial dehts of Jordan could strengthen the Kingdom's hand in seeking debt relief from Europe, the sources say.

Mr. Gammo said an IMF/ World Bank team was expected to visit Jordan soon for a periodic review of the Kingdom's performance in implementing the economic restructuring programme.

One of the measures to be adopted by Jordan is the introduction of a sales tax, wbich bas delayed from early this year until the end of the

The finance minister said his talks with administration officials included a follow-up

meeting on a visit an American team paid to Jordan last month for a review of the Kingdom's enforcement of the international sanctions against Iraq and the negative consequences of the sanctions on Jordan's economy.

We are still waiting for the report of the delegation, but we could see a positive approach to Jordan' by Washington in this respect. he said. The U.S. report is ex-

pected to be translated into certain measures that the U.N. Security Council could implement to help Jordan alleviate the repercussions of the sanctions on its economy. These are believed to include easier guidelines for Agababound shipping subject to in-ternational inspection and speeded up clearance for Jordanian requests for ex-

ports to Iraq. At the donors' conference,

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Palestinian kills self, hurts 30 in suicide bomb attack

West Bank (Agencies) — A Palestinian blew himself up in a suicide car bomb attack on an Israeli bus, wounding 30 passengers, near military headquarters in the occupied West Bank on Monday, army and hospital officials said.

A caller to an international news agency said the Islamic Resistance Movement's (Hamas) Izzeddin Al Qassam brigades carried out the attack in response to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's crackdown on the organisation.

The attack was the third suicide bombing since Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) reached an agreement on self-rule in the occupied territories in August. Hamas opposes the peace With Palestinian autonomy

due to start in Jericho and the Gaza Strip on Oct. 13, Israeli Chief of Staff Ehud Barak warned there would be more bombings.

"It's a hid by Muslim exfremists... to sabotage the peace agreement. We should expect further altacks," he

Four passengers were in a serious condition after the explosion in front of an army administrative headquarters on the edge of the Jewish settlement of Bet El, a hospital

The others were either lightly hurt or suffered shock, a settler and the driver of the badly-damaged hus were the civilian casualties.

Military sources said the suicide driver was a wanted member of Hamas, but gave no name. The anonymous telephone

caller to the international news

agency said Sliman Abu Mjahjid from the West Bank village Qibia drove the car. "It's a present for Rabin, for his autonomy agreement and for the anniversary of the Al

Aqsa massacre. Many more presents are waiting for him." the caller warned. Eighteen Palestinians died

and 150 were wounded on Oct. 8, 1990, when police opened fire on demonstrators at the East Jerusalem mosque. In Amman, Islamic Jihad

also claimed responsibility saying that another Palestinian carried out the bombing which destroyed all but the engine and steering wheel of the suicide car.

Police Minister Moshe Shahal hlamed extremists sworn to destroy the autonomy accord. "Hamas, the Islamic Jihad and other Palestinian groups

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PLO leader assails Israel

PALESTINIAN LEADER Yasser Arafat accused Israel Monday of hunting down members of his mainstream Fatch group in the occupied territories as well as Hamas hardliners opposed to the PLO-Israeli peace accord.

He told a news conference in Algiers that the Israeli army action violated the deal. He had protested to the Israelis, to the sponsors of the Middle East peace talks, the United States and Russia, and to the European Community and the U.N. Security Council. The operation is not limited to Gaza hut extends to the West Bank and does not only aim at hunting for Hamas (members) but also those of Fateh."

"We do not agree on the interpretation (under which) they hunted the Hamas group. am responsible for all the Palestinian people. When we signed the accord we did so in the name of all the Palestinian

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Toll in hundreds in Mogadishu battles Combined agency dispatches Somalis strapped the corpse of one white American soldier

MOGADISHU - The United

States ordered more soldiers to Somalia Monday after fierce fighting in Mogadishu left at least 13 U.N. troops dead and dozens injured, with hundreds of Somali casualties. Forces loyal to fugitive

Mogađishu warlord Mohammad Farah Aideed held a U.S. pilot captive as General Aideed's Somali National Alliance (SNA) said children and women were among hundreds of dead and wounded from Sunday's clashes.

U.N. military spokesman Major David Stockwell said at least 12 U.S. soldiers and one Malaysian were killed io an operation wheo U.N. forces captured 24 Aideed aides. A Pentagon source said dozens of

U.S. troops were wounded. Six Malaysian and two Pakistani soldiers were wounded, Mag. Stockwell said. The Malaysian government had announced one dead and nine badly wounded.

Some 400 iojured Somalis were taken in hy two hospitals io Gen. Aideed's southern Mogadishu stronghold, while

about 100 more went for treatment to the north of town, controlled by his rival Mohammad Ali Mahdi, an international committee of the Red Cross official said in Nairobi. "We have no idea of the

numbers of dead because of the sheer number of casualties," ICRC spokesman Pat-rick Fuller said. "It looks like corpses were just left on the streets or buried without being taken to hospital," A Somali cameraman

showed a video-cassette of the captured U.S. major, wearing a T-shirt and his dog-tag. The SNA declared that he had a broken leg which required treatment before he could be

Two helicopters of the Quick Reaction Force were shot down in the operation mounted by troops of the U.N. Operation in Somalia (UN-

Maj. Stockwell said the soldiers captured 24 of Gen. Aideed's militia leaders in what he considered was an operation that had achieved its objectives. Three of the detainees later died of their

The aim had not been to capture Gen. Aideed, wanted since June for killings of U.N. soldiers, Maj. Stockwell said. U.N. Secretary General Boutros Ghali said that the killiog of U.S. soldiers in

Somalia would not prevent the United Nations from carrying out its mandate there. Dr. Ghali added that "the humanitarian and political objectives of that mandate will continue to be pursued vigorously and, where conditions

permit, the pace of their implementation will be accelerated. The U.S. Defence Department said 200 more soldiers would be sent to Somalia. They were expected to be hacked by at least four

armoured transport vehicles. Pentagon officials could not confirm a report that seven U.S. Army Rangers were taken prisoners.

"We think it's a small number," a senior official said. "We think very few have been captured, hut we can't be sure they're not still out there and just haven't reported hack." Meanwhile Juhilant Somali crowds displayed the corpses of two U.S. soldiers.

to a harrow and wheeled it about the streets, foreign witnesses said. They saw a second charred body which Somalis said bad been torehed by crowds and then put on dis-Crowds of looters picked over the hurnt-out wreckage of

two Black Hawk helicopters

and of at least seven vehicles,

including four U.N. armoured personnel carriers (APCS). witnesses said. Clashes erupted just before dusk on Sunday when troops of the U.N. peacekeeping force made another attempt to capture some of Gen. Aideed's

Two U.S. black Hawk helicopters were shot down by ground fire, a U.N. statement said, About 70 U.S. Army Rangers sent to pick up wounded crewmen then came

A rescue force of two U.S. infantry companies and a Ranger platoon 24 Malaysian APCS, four Pakistani tanks and two APCS rushed to the

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under fire from guerrillas. spokesman said.

BADIA BOUTIQUE

Egyptians vote for Mubarak's new term

CAIRO (Agencies) — Egyptians voted on Monday in a referendum that will give Hosni Mubarak a third six-year term as president, preserving pro-Western, semi-democratic government in the heartland of the Arab World.

With no alternative candidate to Mr. Mubarak, the main interest in the referendum was how many people bothered to vote, and whether the president would use his new term to speed up economic reform and allow more democracy.

Police across Egypt, where 60 million people live crammed in the narrow Nile Valley and its Delta, were on alert after 18 months of gun and bomb attacks by Muslim militants fighting to overthrow the government. But there were no reports of trouble.

The Egyptian constitution lays down that parliament chooses a single candidate for president, who is then put to the people. Voters were given a paper with a photograph of Mr. Mubarak and a choice of

The most frequent comment from Egyptians, whether supporters or opponents of Mr. Mubarak, was: "There is no alternative.

A civil servanı helping to supervise the vote at a shabby school in north Cairo said: "We have a proverb — the one vou know is better than the one you don't know.'

Political parties have been allowed in Egypt since 1977 but the president wields enormous power as head of the government, commander of the armed forces, and head of the ruling National Democratic Party (NDP) with its branches in every town and village.

Mr. Mubarak, a former air force officer whose guiding principle is caution and whose greatest fear is chaos, has never even appointed a vice president. The one man who did build up an independent power base, former Defence Minister Abdul Halim Abu Ghazala, was dismissed in 1989.

Turnout figures collected from polling stations by Reuter correspondents and Egyptian reporters in late morning ranged from 1.9 per cent in the Sucz Canal town of Ismailia to 18.7 per cent in the wealthy Cairo suburb of Helioplis where Mr. Mubarak lives and

In the southern town of Aswan, the figure was two per central Cairo, 6.4 per cent. The turnout in Cairo certainly appeared heavier than in many past parliamentary and local government elections. In local elections last November, less than five per cent of voters in some parts of the capital bothered to go to the polls.

The secretary-general of the NDP in Cairo, Mamdouh Beltagi, told Reuters: 'Cairo is voting as never before in the contemporary history of this country.

Minibuses and open-topped trucks packed with young NDP supporters cheering and waving "Yes to Mubarak" banners raced between polling stations to whip up excitement and pose for television

Mr. Mubarak won 98.46 per cent of the vote in 1981, when he succeeded the assassinated Anwar Sadat, and 97.12 per cent at his reelection in 1987. The newspaper Akhbar Al Yom predicted be would win a more modest 93.7 per cent this

The result was expected to be announced late on Monday or on Tuesday.

In the 12 years since he succeeded Mr. Sadat, Mr. Mubarak has rebuilt Egypt's infrastructure of roads, airports, telephones and sewers and begun to release the eco-nomy from decades of socialist central planning. He has allowed greater freedom to opposition parties and the

But he has refused to allow anything but the most gradual change, determined to avoid the upheavals that have beset Eastern Europe since the collapse of communism.

In 1987, Mr. Mubarak steered Egypt back into the fold of the Arab League, which ejected Cairo after Mr. Sadat's separate peace with Israel in

The 1980-1988 Iran-Iraq war and the Gulf war of 1991 both presented opportunities, skillfully seized by the president, to establish Egypt's political in-fluence in an increasingly divided Arab World. At home Mr. Mubarak's re-

cord has been more patchy. There has been progress on the economic front, but a lot remains to be dooe - or undone - as the country is suffering from the continued legacy of former President Gamal Abdul Nasser's sweeping nationalisation policies.

More than 65 per cent of Egyptian industry is still stateowned, and the public sector accounts for four-fifths of the country's external trade. Unemployment is at 20 per

cent and rising.

Libyan paper urges revolutionary body reopen

CAIRO (R) — A Libyan newspaper said Sunday 1be organisation that once spread Tripoli's message of world revolution should reopen because it was needed more than

The Geoeral People's Congress (parliament) ordered the closure of the international Mathaba (meeting place) in June 1992, apparently to save money and to distance Libya from revolutionary movements abroad. It was not immediately clear when it did in fact close.

The newspaper Al Shams said in an editorial it suspected that closing the Matbaba, the Libyan equivalent of the former Marxist world's Comintern, was part of a plot by "pragmatists" trying lo play down Libya's revolutionary

"To close it is an act which has no rationale whatsoever unless we made clear our suspicions that the whole issue is weakness by the pragmatic wing," said the newspaper. quoled by the official Libyan news agency JANA.

"What it did was all good, its creed' was the triumph of the masses and it opposed terrorism and dictatorship." it

In Libya's revolutionary heyday, the group gathered hardline groups from around the world to hear Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi's message of the third way and defiance of the West.

Among its known guests were dissidents from many African states, leftists and anarchists from Western Europe and members of Louis Farrakban's black segregation-ist "Nation of Islam" group from the United States.

Al Shams has been campaigning against any concessions by Libya to the United States, France and Britain the three states pressing for tougher U.N. sanctions against

They also want proof that Libya bas stopped supporting guerrilla groups such as the Irish Republican Army (IRA). Al Shams said: "This call (for reviving the Mathaba) is for an awareness of the treachery that bas ripped the greatest medal of courage and honour from the chests of Li-

byan men and women."
"The world needs the international Mathaba more than at any time past. The reason for its existence still stands and its closure is an act that cannot be justified," it added.

Indonesia will not recognise Israel without Arab decision

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The Muslim state of Indonesia will continue to resist Israeli pressure on it to extend recognition to the Jewish state until a collective Arab recognition takes place, Ambassador Mohammad Hassan Adamy said Sunday.

"Indonesia will not recognise Israel before Arabs do," the Indonesian ambassador said. "We will not take a step (towards recognition) before the others," be added in an interview with the Jordan

Mr. Adamy also rejected the possibility of Indonesia taking its cue from unilateral actions by some Arab countries saying that his country will wait for a decision by all the Arabs.

"We came under pressure to establish ties with Israel after the (Camp David) peace with Egypt," he said.
"But Jakarta has made it clear that relations (with the Jewish state) have to wait for Arab consensus.

"We are adopting a wait and see position," he said, adding that Indonesia's predominantly Muslim population feels close to the Palestinian problem and feels involved in the peace talks leading to its resolution.

"When the agreement of Gaza and Jericho was first signed, there was some opposition to it even among mainstream politicians," be explained, adding that the majority of Indonesians. however, appeared to sup-port the first step action

Iraq digs

resumed

BAGHDAD (R) - Austrian

archaeologists bave started

digging again in Iraq, the first

foreign scientists to resume ex-

cavations there since the 1990-

91 Gulf crisis, a senior official

the archaeological embargo

and we expect other teams to

follow suit." said Dr. Muayad

Sa'id, head of Iraq's archaeolo-

The Austrians are working

at Borsippa, a Babylonian

town 110 kilometres sonth of

"They are the first to break

said Monday.

gy department.



Mohammad Hassan Adamy

taken by the Palestinians. He said opponents to the agreement argued that the question of Jerusalem was not addressed in the agreement. According to the Israeli-Palestinian agreement, the fate of Jerusalem has been left for final stage negotiations.

"Our society follows political events in the Muslim world very closely," the ambassador said, adding that this attitude places pressure on his government to take "careful" steps when dealing with foreign policy issues. He dismissed reports that

his country was moving towards establishing diplomatic ties with Israel describing them as "Israeli attempts to push the issue.

Important Islamic countries, like Indonesia and Pakistan, have been under pressure from the U.S. to normalise relations with

Israel. India and Nigeria, with Muslims composing about half of their populations. established ties with Israel after the Gulf war.

The ambassador said his government's position has been relayed to Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat, when he visited Jakarta and beld talks with President Suharto in late September.

Mr. Adamy said his developing country could contribute to the development of the Palestinians in technical areas but doubted that such contribution would come in the form of financial assist-

"We are more likely to look at ways of assisting through technical know-how and within the context of cooperation among develop-ing countries," Mr. Adamy said. He did not specify the areas of expertise in which Indonesia can contribute. The ambassador lauded

ties with Jordan, saying his country is the third largest importer of phosphates and potash from the Kingdom, after India and China.

More needs to be done to address the balance of trade, which is tilted in favour of Jordan, he said, but also to cement further brotherly ties between the two countries. "We are trying to encour-

age (Jordanian) businessmen to buy from Indonesia, just at the same time that we are taking Jordanian personnel to train in our country," he said. He mentioned the field of oil drilling where Indone-sia could belp Jordan as an

NEWS IN BRIEF

Arafat issues charter for human rights body

TUNIS (R) - Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat on Sunday issued the charter for an organisation to ensore all future Palestinian laws and institutions respect human rights. The charter says the "National Palestinian Supreme Organisation for Human Rights" will be set up in a way that guarantees its independence, the PLO news agency WAFA said. The new organisation will aim to make sure that "the protection of human rights is assured in the various laws and institutions... and in the work of the... the state of Palestine and the Palestine Liberation Organisation," it

UAE says iranian tried to convert Muslim

DUBAI (R) - An Iranian doctor was arrested in the United Arab Emirates state of Sharjah for allegedly trying to convert an Indian Muslim to Christianity. Gulf News daily said Monday that Sayed Mostawfi, a doctor on a private visit in the UAE allegedly stopped an Indian expatriate on the street and urged him to embrace Christianity. Dr. Mostawfi's action is "in violation of Article 319 of the federal criminal law," the newspaper said. If found guilty, he could face up to five years in prison. The Indian man complained to the police who later arrested Mr. Mostawfi while handing the Indian a book on Christianity in the Urdu language, Gulf News said.

Guest kills six at Iran wedding

TEHRAN (R) — An over-enthusiastic guest at a traditional Iranian wedding shot dead six people and wounded 14 when he lost control of an automatic weapon after firing in the air in celebration, Keyhan newspaper said. The paper said the wedding took place in the central Lorestan province. It named the guest as Rasool. Iranian newspapers reported Saturday that two people bad been killed and seven wounded in a similar incident in the same area.

Spain deports 10 Moroccan stowaways

ALGECIRAS, Spain (R) - Spain Sunday deported 10 young Moroccans who had stowed away on a Spanish ship from Casablanca to Barcelona, officials said. The youths, aged between 10 and 16, were put aboard a regular ferry from Algeciras, in southern Spain, to the Moroccan city of Tangier. The stowaways, found after being crammed between containers aboard the freighter Eva Del Mar for six days, asked for political asylum in Spain on humanitarian grounds, but this was refused by the Madrid Interior Ministry.

Allled manoeuvres to take place in Kuwait KUWAIT CITY (AFP) - The Gulf war allies are to embark

on joint manoeuvres in Kuwait for the first time since the end of the war in 1991, a government spokesman said. Units from the armed forces of the United States, Britain, France, the six Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) states, Egypt and Syria will take part in the manoeuvres, Colonel Mussib Najm said. The date of the manoeuvres, which will take place "over an extended period of time" will be set by a meeting here next Sunday of military officials from all the countries concerned, he said. The U.S., Britain and France have conducted a number of separate exercises with Kuwait since the allied force, under U.S. leadership, flushed invading Iraqi troops from the emirate in February 1991. The latest exercise, involving U.S. and Kuwaiti troops, started on Friday and is expected to last several more days, Col. Najm said. Egypt and is expected to last several more days, Col. Najm said. Egypt and Syria were the principal partners of the GCC states — Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Oman. Qatar and the United Arab Emirates — in the multinational force which expelled the Iraqis following their invasion of the emirate in August 1990.

Iran shuts illicit distillery, arrests 10

TEHRAN (R) - Iranian police have shut down a huge illicit distillery and arrested 10 people accused of attempting to distribute home-made vodka in and around Tehran, Kebyan 🤾 aper reported. The newspaper said police uncovered the illegal alcohol ring after arresting an unidentified man with some 4,500 bottles of banned alcoholic beverages. Investigations later led police to the distillery in an orchard in the Tehran suburb of Karaj. Alcoholic beverages were banned in Iran after the 1979 Islamic revolution. Offenders are usually fined and

7 sentenced to death in absentia in Algeria

ALGIERS (R) — An Algerian special court sentenced seven Islamic activists to death in absentia Sunday for killing a policeman in May and other crimes, the official Algerian news agency APS said. The court, in the western city of Oran, is one of three set up last year to counter Muslim fundamentalist guerrillas. It sentenced 10 other activists to prison terms of between five years and life for forming "terrorist groups" and offences against state security, APS said. On Saturday the prosecution had asked the court to sentence nine of the militants to death. At least 267 Muslim militants have been sentenced to death in Algeria since January last year, when the authorities cancelled elections which the fundamentalist Islamic Salvation Front was about to win. Thirteen have been executed this year and eight bave had their sentences commuted to life

Abu Dhabi fish safe to eat

ABU DHABI (R) - The Gulf emirate of Abu Dhabi has given its territorial waters a clean bill of bealth and says people can safely resume eating local fish, the official news agency WAM said. On Sept. 21 the authorities in Abu Dbabi, one of the seven members of the United Arab Emirates, warned residents, not to eat the fish because they had found mercury, arsenic lead and cadmium in dead fish, dolphins, turtles and seaguilt off the coast of the emirate. Last Saturday they destroyed 30 tonnes of fish which officials said were found to contain poisonous chemicals. The agency quoted an official as saying extensive studies now showed that the Gulf waters were clean.

Gulf states seek to curb oil pollution

Gulf Arab coast guard chiefs met here Sunday to discss how to stop oil tankers from dumping waste into their wa-ters which have become the

most polluted in the world. The officials from the sixnation Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) said they were seeking to bolster coordination and increase surveillance of tankers and other merchant vessels that have become the main pollution source.

"Our discussions are focusing on boosting coordination and exchanging information about vessels plying the Gulf and the possibility of increasing patrols to delect violators." one delegate said. "It is time to step up joint action to stop this pheno-

sea, on which we also depend for our drinking water. Gulf waters are 47 times more pollured than waters in

menon, which threatens our

other areas and their shores 100 times more contaminated than other shores, according to the United Nations.

Pollution is also caused by ship accidents and daily leakage from oil terminals and pipelines in the region, which sits on more than 60 per cent of the world crude reserves and exports nearly one fifth of its needs.

United Arab Emirates (UAE) officials estimate that 143,000 tonnes (over one million barrels) of crude oil find their way into Gnlf waters annually from tankers, pipelines, terminals and ship acci-

Nearly 30,000 oil tankers and other vessels pass through the strategic Straits of Hormuz every year to lift

crude and gas.
But many of them have been accused of dumping sludge and other waste in the Gulf. Regional officials have called for interception of

violating tankers and prosecution of their owners. UAE Health Ministry en vironment chief Saad Nimeiri

recently proposed setting up dump-wasting centres at re-gional ports to solve the problem. "The solution is that Gulf

states should set up centres at their ports for tankers 10 throw their balancing water. They should also draft legislations to force tankers to dump their waste in those centres," he said.

Experts said pollution in the Gulf was aggravated by natural factors such as high temperatures, salinity and sballow waters.

The Gulf, with an area of around 240,000 square kilometres, is a semi-closed area and sea currents are slow on the surface. As a result an estimated three to five years are needed for all water in the Gulf basin to be replaced by new water from

the open sea. Thousands of fish and other sea creatures and birds were killed in a huge oil slick during the 1991 Gulf war.

Another slick, estimated at two million barrels, was caused by an Iraqi air strike on Iran's giant Nowruz oil-field at the start of their 1980-1988 war.

The GCC states — Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Oman, Oatar, Kuwait and the UAE - also fear that pollution could hit their vital desalination plants, which provide more than 70 per cent of their potable water.
"We have to boost coop-

eration to fight pollution. But the problem is that it is difficult to identify the ships which are causing pollution unless they are caught red-handed," said Abdul Rahman Al Shalwah, director of the coast guard department at the UAE Interior

UAE takes delivery of Apache helicopters

DUBAI (R) - The United Arab Emirates said it took delivery on Sunday of the first batch from a total of 20 Apache attack, helicopters oo order from McDonnell Douglas Corporation.
"I think about half a dozeo

Apaches were delivered today (Sunday)," an Arab military source told Reuters.

The official Emirates News Agency said a ceremony was beld to mark the occasion but did not say how many of the helicopters were delivered or what kind of armament they

In 1991 Washington agreed to sell the UAE 20 AH-64 Anachesattack helicopters in a deal worth about \$600.

The Apache can carry a mixture of rapid-fire machineguns and missiles including air-to-air missiles, air-to-ground hellfire missiles and 70-mm rockets.

A Western military expert said the UAE had opted for standard configuration and did not order air-to-air missiles. He said McDonnell Douglas was expected to deliver the remaining 14 Apaches to the UAE in late

As part of the Apache deal, McDonnell Douglas agreed to invest in projects in the UAF Under the UAE's military

procurement programme, arms suppliers are requested to reinvest part of the value of a deal in profitable projects to help the Gulf Arab state build an advanced industrial base and widen private investments.

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Officials in the UAE said on Saturday McDonnell Douglas's first offset project

would focus on beloing the UAE's newly formed en-vironmental body introduce standards and regulations.
"This is the first of many

projects by McDonnell Douglas in the UAE... they are interested in pursuing profitable projects based on at the UAE offset group told He did not put a value on

the investment projects but said the American firm was looking at several and had set up a group of companies with environmental expertise. He said areas under consideration included recycling and clean-up projects, fuel emissioo control and energy sav-

ing equipment.

The UAE plans to spend between \$5 billion and \$7 billion on new arms by the end of the century. In February it ordered 390 Leclerc battle tanks worth \$3.5 billion from France.

helicopters and advanced jet fighters are being studied. Kuwait has decided to buy between 18 and 24 Apache helicopters from McDonnell Douglas worth around \$550 million, military experts said

Monday

Orders for anti-submarine

"I believe Kuwait has concluded its evaluation process and selected the Apache." A western industry source familiar with the deal told Reuters. "A deal will be signed after an greement is reached between the U.S. and Kuwaiti govern-

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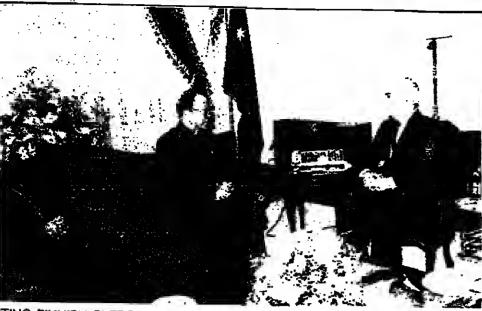
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dan. Arehbishno Vikstran vaiced the church's appreciation of King Hussein's continued efforts to achieve a just peace and enhance democracy in the region. The King said that Jurdan is keen un enhancing religious tolerance and is determined to achieve peace and security

erebral Palsy Foundation start fund-raising drive

satronage of Her Majesty en Noor, the Cerebra Foundation (CPF) will a festival to raise funds its programmes, accordto an announcement. iday by CPF President

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ddressing a press confer-, Mr. Belbeisi said uniity and school students members of youth elubs collect donations. ne march will start from Jordan Inter. Continental

o at Wadi Seer. he festival, which will be earlier, on Oct. 9, will ude folkloric performs and a play by the Nabil

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and Hisham Theatre Group as part of the fund-raising campaign, he added.

Referring to the foundation's projects and activities, Mr. Bilbeisi said in 1992 the CPF offered rehabilitation and medical services to 1711 children at its centres in Amman, Zarqa, Karak, Irbid, Aqaba and Salt.

Cerebral Palsy is a condition of paralysis or loss of volitional control over a motor-function resulting from a brain disorder suffered either before or at birth or during infancy. Cerebral palsy does not necessarily im-ply mental retardation; many children affected with cerebral palsy grow to be mentally competent adults.

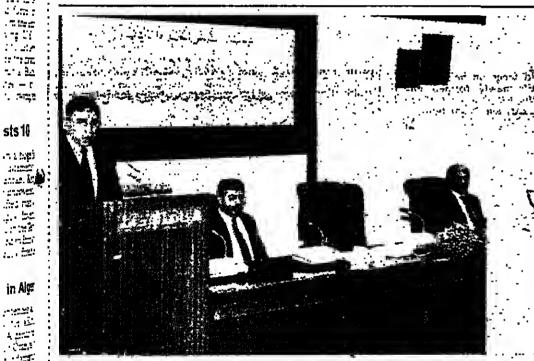
Mr. Bilbeisi said most of the services to the cerebral palsy victims are offered free of charge and in cooperation with local hospitals.

The most major aim of the foundation, according to Mr. Bilbeisi, is to reduce the prevalence of cerebral palsy in Jordan from five to one per 1.000 birtbs.

Mr. Bilbeisi said specialists working for the foundation are studying a survey con-ducted in Tafileb and Mafraq regions to determine the needs of those affected with

cerebral palsy.

He added that since its establishment in 1977, the CPF has assisted 7,000 children at its centres in six cities.



ersity of Jordan President Fawzi Gharaibeh day addresses the opening session of the first Jordanian International Conference on Electric Power systems (Petra photo)

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opulation growth, development raise ergy production needs — Gharaibeh

MAN (Petra) — Popula-growth and development ssitate increasing forms of zy production and inten-efforts to raise the efficienf equipment used in the ration of power, said Unity of Jordan President i Gharaibeh Monday.

Idressing the first Jorda-International Conference Electric power Systems, n opened at the University rdan, Dr. Gharaibeh said efforts require that scienand researchers mobilise means and potentials. e scientists, he added, can

reduce the amounts of wasted energy and develop existing energy resources.

In reviewing the university's endeavours in energy research. Dr. Gharaibeh said it has been the policy of the administration to encourage research and the application of experiments which, he said, have been conducted in cooperation with local and international organisa-

Daifallah Dalabieh, head of the conference preparatory committee told the opening session that 33 research papers covering all fields of electric

Four paper's by energy experts from foreign countries will also be discussed by the delegates, who represent Arab and foreign countries, said Dr.

He said the four-day conference is attended by 60 Jordanian engineers, as well as

deans of university faculties. On the sidelines of the conference, a general exhibition: displaying electric power generating equipment was opened at the University of Jordan. Also on display are books and leaflets on electric

NEWS IN BRIEF

dan is invited to Qatar fair

MAN (Petra) — The Federation of Jorda-Trade Unions has received an invitation to part in the Qatar International Tourism and Blood drive starts at university el Fair. The four-day fair is scheduled for 1 1994. The federation has said it is en- AMMAN (Petra) — The Blood Bank at the

ernment to help Al Al Bait University

illed on governmental institutions to support Al Bait University by providing it with ssary equipment and furniture.

A chief to head for Saudi Arabia

gation to have bilateral talks with their Saudi the sale of their products.

Arabian counterparts on air transport and means of enhancing bilateral relations in civil aviation between the two countries.

aging Jordanian lourism and travel agencies Ministry of Health Monday organised a blood drive at the Engineering and Technology Faculty at the University of Jordan. The campaign's supervisor, Basma Khreisat, said the activity is organised by the National Blood Bank in coop-MAN (Petra) - Prime Minister Abdul eration with local institutions to maintain an n Majali Monday issued a circular in which, adequate reserve to be used when necessary.

Trade fair ends well in Morocco

CASABLANCA (Petra) — The Fourth Jordanian Industrial Fair held here has ended. The MAN (Petra) — Director of the Civil Avia- Ministry of Industry and Trade said that the fair Authority (CAA) Ahmad Juweiber Tuesday was a success for Jordanian industry, enabling manufacturers to conclude numerous deals for

Minister swear in election supervisors

AMMAN (Petra) — The 1989 parliamentary elections in Jordan gave the Ministry of Interior sufficient experience to handle the 1993 elections with far better skill and higher performance, said Minister of Interior Salameh Hammad Mon-

day.
The current measures and arrangements should ensure fair and free elections, said the minister at a swearing in ceremony for 60 heads and members of central committees eharged with supervising the Nov. 8 elections.

The committee, he said, represent an elite group of officials who handled the 1989 elections with efficiency and who are well-prepared for the

coming polls.

The first task facing them. said Mr. Hammad, is the distribution of the voter cards to registered citizens.

He said the ministry will assist these committees in facilitating the election process.

Meanwhile, Balqa governor Eid Qatarneh Monday said teams preparing for the general elections have completed preparatory arrangements ineluding updating voter lists and assigning voting centres in the

Next week, he said, the teams will start distributing voter cards, noting that 74 voting centres and 235 ballot boxes have been readied.

Registered voters in Balqa Governorate number 126,932,

Salameh Hammad

Mr. Qatarneh said, adding that girls school in Salt will serve as a vote counting centre.

Mr. Qatameh spoke after a meeting in his office attended by heads of concerned government departments involved in the election procedures.

Urging citizens to vote, Mr. Qatameh said that six seats for Muslims and two sears for Christians are being contested by 50 to 60 candidates in Balga governorate.

In the Irbid governorate, it was announced that 380,000 eitizens have registered to

The governor's office there announced that arrangements are under way to prepare the voting centres and to set up sub-committees to help in the

Swiss, Jordanians plans joint trade corporation

AMMAN (Petra) - Visiting head of the Arab-Swiss Chambers Commerce Elias Atieh Monday said that bis office and the Federation of Jordanian Chambers of Commerce plan to set up a joint corporation aimed at encouraging trade exchanges between Jordan and Switzerland.

Speaking at a meeting with Ministry of Industry and Trade Secretary General Marwan Awad, Mr. Atieb said the two countries are determined to promote economic and trade cooperation and Jordan has an' excellent opportunity to benefit from the vast experience of Swiss technology. Mr. Awad welcomed the

idea, of a joint endeavour but said Jordan seeks to adjust the balance of trade between the two countries which is in favour of Switzerland. Jordan, he said, hopes to

make the adjustment through increasing its exports to Switzerland.

According to the Amman Chamber of Commerce, Jor-

dan has been selling Switzerland men's wear, fresh vegetables and fruit and importing Swiss pesticides, auto spare parts, watches and gold, among other commodities.

The Swiss, delegation met with the president of the federation of Jordanian chambers of eommeree, Mohammad Asfour, and discussed scopes of cooperation between the two countries.

In reviewing Jordan's economic development Mr. Asfour pointed out that the national economy has been adversely affected by the continual harassment of international shipping in the Gulf of Aqaba. Mr. Asfour also said that

cooperation between the two sides in technology can help promote economic and trade development in the Kingdom. The Swiss delegation, which

arrived Sunday, is expected to spend five days in Jordan to discuss with officials and private sector businesspersons ways to expand trade links with

King condoles Indian president

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein sent condolences to Indian President Shankar Dayal Sharma on the deaths of Indian citizens who were tragically killed in last week's devastating earthquake in western In-

Jordanian students safe

the Jordanian Embassy in New Delhi that confirmed that Jordanian students in India are safe and have not been harmed as a result of the earthquake.

The statement said there are no Jordanian students in the areas hit by the natural The Ministry of Foreign

WHAT'S GOING ON

EXHIBITIONS

- Art exhibition by artist Ali Al Mi'mar at the Orfali Art Gallery. Telephone 826932.
- A Photographic exhibition on nature and the township of Sakeb by artist Ghassan 'Anyasrah at the Student Affairs Department at the University of Jordan.
- * Exhibition of etchings by Mohammad Omar Khalil at Darat Al Funn of the Abdul Hamid Shoman Foundation in Jabal Luweibdeh. Also showing the permanent exhibition. Telephone 643251/2.
- * Plastic art exhibition by artist Hussein Dasseh at the Alia
- ☆ Caricature drawings exhibition by artists Mustafa Al Wawi and Ala' Tabash at the University of Jordan's Student Affairs Department.
- ★ Exhibition of paintings and old manuscripts at the Royal Cultural Centre.
- * Painting exhibition by artist Fateh Moudarres at the Baladna Art Gallery.
- * Art exhibition entitled "Eastern Dancing Entertainment in Spare Time" by Sigrid Bensemann at Goethe Institute. # The First International Festival of Fine Arts in Jordan entitled "Colour and Light in the Nabatean Civilisation" at

the Jordan National Gallery of Fine Arts in Jordan. DRAMAS

- * Children's drama entitled "Aladdin's Lamp" at the Royal Cultural Centre at 1:00 a.m.
- * Folklore drama entitled "The Season" at the Royal Cultural Centre at 8:00 p.m.

BOOK EXHIBITION

★ Comprehensive book and educational aids exhibition at the International Exhibition Hall - University Road.

Petroleum refinery dispute to be referred to arbiter

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - The government and the Jordanian Petroleum Refinery Company (JPRC) have decided to refer a dispute over the profits of the company to an arbitration committee, officials said Monday.

"We are waiting for the government to nominate an arbiter and we will also name one," said Saad Al Tal, direc-

tor general of the company. The dispute revolves around a government de-mand for JD20 million as part of the refinery's profits be-tween 1981 and 1990. In tegal terms, the govern-

ment and the company differ over the interpretation of the concession agreement that was given to the company in 1956. The article states that the company, which holds a monopoly of oil refining and gas bottling in Jordan, is bound by the prices set by the government for its products for the consumer.

According to Mr. Tal, "we were very comfortable with the agreement for 23 years before someone in the government thought we were making high profits and thegovernment should have a share in it."

"The word to describe the

government stand is simple: greed, charged the outspoken Mr. Tal. "All this while government officials were happy with the arrangement under the concession agreement, and now some officials feel that the treasury needs money and the refinery com-

sources. Mr. Tal argued that it was "cost-efficient management" of JPRC rather than the profit margin on the company's products that led to higher profits.

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As such, he said, the government has no right to make any demands on the company since it already exercises indirect control over the con-

sumer prices of its products. No immediate comment was available from the government. But officials said in private that the executive authority would go ahead with arbitration.

Neither the officials nor Mr. Tal knew when the gov-ernment would name its arbiter to the panel. "For six years we have been discussing the subject and it is only now that the government has decided to seek arbitration," he said. "Now we are pushing the government to nominate arbiter so that the issue

Legal sources said if no compromise could be reached even after arbitration, then the issue would have to he referred to a court

The refinery company is a public limited entity. The government-guided Social Security Corporation (SSC) and state-owned Jordan Investment Bureau owns 12 per cent of its stock, and around 58 per cent are with individuals and the rest is with commercial establishments such as the Arab Investment Company and Islamic De-

velopment Bank. Abdul Hamid Shoman, chairman of the Arab Bank. Jordan's largest commercial bank, heads the board of

directors of the company. The operations of the company are defined as: "Manufacturing and refining perroleum and hydrocarbonic components, and manufacturing secondary derivatives resulting from the refining operations, also to store disribute and market all such products. In addition, it can also produce liquid petroleum boiiles, asehali drums and underground

tanks for gas stations. It has a paid-up capital of JD32 million and the equity of its shareholders is nearly



Her Royal Highness Princess Basma Monday addresses the opening of a seminar on 'Women in Habitat Development' (Petra photo)

Princess Basma urges assisting women in socio-economic development

ma Monday urged various governmental and nongovernmental organisations (NGOs) in Jordan to help women increase their contribu-

tions towards socio-economic development in the Kingdom. Jordanian women's duties have increased to a great extent in the last few years and their role could be played more significantly through continual training and education, said the Princess in an address to

AMMAN (Petra) — Her the opening session of a seminar entitled "Women and Habitat Development.

The seminar was organised by the Housing and Urban Development Department (HUDD) as part of Jordan's observance of World Habitat Day Monday.

Women's potentials, the Princess said, are among the numerous elements that should be mobilised and developed lowards comprehensive development of the country.

Princess Basma thanked the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements for its efforts in promotine women's participation in development and voiced appreciation to HUDD for striving to provide homes for the limited and low income

groups in the Kingdom. **HUDD** Director Yousef Hivasat outlined the department's programmes, noting that each housing estate has a community centre to provide facilities for women's socio-

Experts seek to produce pesticides-free fruit

AMMAN (J.T.) - Horticulture has made good progress in the last few years, but the adverse effects of pesticides on the fruit have presented the fruit-growing industry with a major problem, said Renato Butti, head of the European Community (EC) in Jordan

In an address to the opening of the first regional seminar on the use of pesticides in horticulture in the Middle East, Mr. Butti said world markets and nations are currently striving to produce fruit completely free of remnants of pesticides and it is hoped that this three-day seminar would provide some solutions towards achieving this objective.

In opening the seminar on behalf of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, Agriculture Minister Marwan Kamal said the ministry was concerned with the proper and sound use of pesticides in Jordan farms.

"We are concerned with the procedures of importing. manufacturing and registering the types of pesticides used in the Kingdom, to ensure that nothing would endanger human health and the environment," the minister said.

Dr. Kamal said the minis-

staff regularly guide farmers on the proper use of pesticides at the right time of the year to minimise any damage to their

With the help of the German government, the ministry has established special laboratories 10 analyse pestisides and determine the extent of their effect on agricultural products, said

the minister. Organised at the Amman Chamber of Commerce by the EC, the French Embassy in Jordan, the ministry of agriculture and the Fruit Producers Association of Jordan, the the environment.

by delegates from France, Germany, Spain and the Arab World including Jordan.

The organisers said that appropriate and reasoned use of pesticides is the best means for the Middle East to preserve

competitive agriculture. Papers to be presented include integrated pest manage-ment in vegetable crops and green houses; integrated pest management in citrus; integrated pest management in orehards; the problem in using pesticides in Jordan; and good agricultural methods regarding

Toll in hundreds in Mogadishu

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Western journalists said they saw truckloads of corpses driven away from the maze of streets around the Bakara mar-

Reporters who drove near the battle scene saw the hurntout shells of four APCS believed to belong to Malaysian

ket where the battle raged until

forces. The charred hulk of a Black Hawk helicopter also lay shatttered in a street close to the

Bakara market, a teeming dis-

trict which is a hotbed of support for Gen. Aideed.

Issa Mohammad Syad. Gen. Aideed's foreign affairs expert, rold AFP he had escaped Sunday by leaping from the second floor of a building and jumping over a wall as the attack began in the Bakara market region.

Gen. Aideed's aides said the general was not around during the assault, but one added that he was "well and safe" and "came later to visit the people and see the death and destruc-

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Blessing in disguise

RUSSIAN HARDLINERS might have committed the gravest tactical error of their struggle on behalf of parliament when they stormed a major television centre and other major governmental huildings Snnday. This wrong move gave President Boris Yeltsin a trump card and the excuse that he was waiting for to use force to end the pro-communist rebellion and storm the centre of power of the rebels, the White House, where defiant parliamentarians under the command of ousted Vice-Pre-Jent Alexander Rutskoi and Speaker of Parliament Ruslan Khashulatov, were making their stand. Mr. Yeltsin also seized upon the occasion offered to him by declaring a state of emergency in the capital city. Armed with the excesses of his opponents and using the full might of his regime, Mr. Yeltsin had before him a golden opportunity to eliminate his foes and he did not hesitate to do so. The success of the storming of the parliament building by forces loyal to the president was a foregone conclusion since the other side has not been able to muster any real military counter force to check the swift military advances of governmental troops against their beleaguered hastions.

Still, the military showdown between the executive hranch and the legislative branches of government may not have sealed for all times the future in favour of Mr. Yeltsin. It has to be recalled that the judiciary in the country came out strongly against the seemingly arbitrary measures taken by Mr. Yeltsin nearly two weeks ago when he moved to dissolve parliament and rule by decree. Mr. Yeltsin has had a series of encounters with his political foes encompassing diehard communists of the last order and right-wing nationalists. Winning the last round may end up being as uneventful as winning the previous other rounds and could end up being only a prelude for additional struggles that would shape the future of Russia.

Washington's unwavering support to Mr. Yeltsin throughout the two-week old ordeal held steady even at the darkest moments and might have influenced the outcome of the power struggle. After signalling to Moscow not to use force against the White House and its occupants in order to preserve and protect the human rights of the besieged parliamentarians, the White House in Washington may have sensed that its concern for the lives of the antagonists of the Yeltsin regime in the Russian White House may have been overtaken by events when the anti-Yeltsin camp overplayed its hand by resorting to violence.

The West's blessing to Mr. Yeltsin's moves against his challengers developed a momentum of its own and culminated in the final assault against the parliament building in the early hours of Monday.

The hattle for the Russian White House has thus been won hy Mr. Yeltsin. Whether the war for the Kremlin has been won by Mr. Yeltsin or not is another matter. Given the record of the incumbent president while in office and the repeated challenges to his power base, no amount of outside hlessing can compensate for the seemingly meagre grassroots support that he enjoys. Only when pluralistic democracy in Russia is allowed to have the final say about the fate of Russia could there be stability and progress in that once mighty nation.

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

AL DUSTOUR daily Monday tackled the situation in the occupied Arab lands in light of the latest Israeli raids on Arah homes and the arrest of Palestinian activists. Israeli practices can only remind the Arabs of the terrorist and barbaric nature of Israel, a state that has never relinquished racism and oppression as a means of imposing its will on others, said the paper. The demolishing of homes, arrest and killings indicate that nothing has changed in Israel's policies despite the conclusion of a deal with the PLO for peace. Israel realises too well the repercussions and the adverse consequences of its measures in the occupied lands, and is no doubt aware that its brutalism is bound to negatively affect the peace process and weaken the position of the moderate Palestinians, said the paper. We had hoped that the PLO-Israeli deal would pave the ground for an era of peace and cooperation rather than a continuation of hrutalism against the Arah population of Palestine, continued the daily. The paper expressed hope that reason would prevail and that a real change in Israel's mentality would materialise soon and a new door would be opened and a new opportunity will be available for the pursuit of the cause of genuine peace.

A COLUMNIST in Al Dustour reflected on the coming partiamentary elections, saying that they could by no means be considered as multi-parliamentary elections. Taher Udwan said that most of the condidates are running as independent or representing tribes and only the Islamic Action Front, among the 2tl parties, has their candidates running in the elections on partisan ground said Udwan. The writer said that in light of this situation, one can only see that it is a strange kind of pencical pluralism not found in the West or East and even in developing countries, including the Arab World. Observers say that the coming elections will result in many surprises, but they say that it is certain that the Islamic Action Front will acquire the lion's share of the parliamentary seats, with the rest filled by representatives of tribes. He said that the situa in would then look like in the 1950s and 1960s when parliaments were ineffective.

The View from Fourth Circle

History's broken baggage and tomorrow's promise

The brief but flashy controversy over whether or not to hold the parliamentary elections on schedule was a most telling episode that reveals much about the political and psychological condition of Jordan and its people. It was not an isolated event, but merely the most lively of a series of issues that broke through the traditional ban on publicly discussing sensitive issues related to the origins, the identity and the future of the people of Jordan.

Since the signing of the PLO-Israel declaration of principles three weeks ago. Jordan has witnessed a complex and sometimes confusing series of statements about relations with the PLO, the electoral status of Jordanian and Palestinian origin, future political ties with Palestine, potential economic links with Palestine and Israel. Jordan's expectation of international compensation for having shouldered the responsibility of hosting Palestinian refugees since 1948 and the wisdom or otherwise of holding the elections on time.

These are important issues that are being discussed in a less than optimum environment characterised by haste, artificial deadlines and pressures, emotionalism and a certain amount of fear for the future. More telling than any single issue, however, is the totality of the dehate under way in Jordan today. This is a country in the process of reconfiguration, overhaul and rehirth. The process is necessarily messy and often emotionally charged, but the outcome will be a stronger, more honest and better country, more able to adapt to the changes to come in this region.

The single most important factor for success is our commitment to the truth — to dealing with the real issues that confront us without hiding behind exhausted and expired slogans or the false shield of Arab pride. The truth is our friend, and it can also be a formidable ally for those who would honour it in the national battle for historical legitimacy and durability. The two most constructive aspects of the current debate in Jordan are that we are discussing in public sensitive issues that used to be talked about only in private and that we are addressing the core questions that define our country and identities. These can only be positive developments, about which Jordanians and Palestinians should feel proud, rather than awkward, uncertain, or apologetic.

Postponing the election was a litmus test of our capacity to deal with our truths — the truths of who we are, where we came from, what we aspire to, how we deal with one another and how we relate to others in our immediate neighbourhood. Most of those who advocated postponement said they were concerned about holding elections at a time when the atmosphere was charged with the emotionalism of the PLO-Israel peace accord. This is correct as a superficial manifestation of the deeper fear that I believe prompted them — the fear of facing the unspoken truth of our hybrid Jordanian-Palestinian demography.

We have been hit by an earthquake that promises to bring about enormous changes in the political, economic and strategic forces that define this region — yet we seem unwilling to grasp this fact, preferring to argue about issues that are, in

comparison, small, provincial and historically negligible in the sweep of our ancient Middle Eastern human epic. In a region of 350 million Arabs and Muslims dominated by economic, demographic and ideological giants such as Syria, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Sudan and Israel, we look rather trivial fretting about the impact of merely bundreds of thousands of folks who may move merely a few dozen kilometres in the span of a few months.

What is trivial in a regional context, however, could be momentous in a purely local, Jordanian context. When Jordan was established as a modern state in the 1920s, its population was probably around 250,000 people — so demographic shifts of hundreds of thousands of folks do strike a deep chord when measured by the local scale of statehood. And the modern record of Jordanian statehood speaks for itself: it speaks well

of itself, its principles and its accomplishments.

But the earthquake unleashed by the peace accord should make us realise that what worked in the past probably will not work in the future. The old patterns of fragmentation, dependency and domestic and regional militarism that defined Arabs and Israelis alike have run their historical course. The states that will succeed and the communities that will endure in the new Middle East will be those that shed the addictions that sustained then in the recent past — the addictions of constraining emotionalism, narrow nationalistic fears and a patriarchal, autocratic monopoly of political and economic

What happened in Jordan in the last three weeks is that these issues all exploded ooto the national psyche in a sudden, slightly bewildering manner: the realisation that some Palestinians might leave Jordan and return to Palestine highlighted the fact of our dual national demographic character; at the same time, many in Jordan felt slightly unsure about the domestic implications of a stable, peaceful Middle East, in which Israeli and Palestinian states might attract foreign aid, private investments, entrepreneurial skills and political attention that had partly gone to Jordan in recent decades.

The initial reaction of some of these worried folks amongst us was to try and halt the clock — to stop history dead in its tracks, to revert to the comforts of the past that they knew and enjoyed, to shelter for just a little while longer under the warm wings of patriarchy, autocracy, dependency and a list of emotional slogans as long as the Silk Route to China. The elections became the symbol of everything in the future that was unknown and worrying. If we postponed the elections, we could also postpone having to deal with the awkward truths that we had camouflaged for so many decades — Jordan's demographic duality and all that this implies in political and economic terms.

Once again, though, the power of Jordan's bumanism and honesty triumphed over its fears and weaknesses. The decision to hold the elections as scheduled reflected a determination to address our truths and to come to terms with our demographic and political reality. We would no longer be held hostage to the sensitivies and insecurities of the past; we would no longer

bow in fear to the awkwardness of our unscheduled, spontaneous, mid-century Jordanian-Palestinian fusion.

The elections will pass without great fanfare or drama, and most successful candidates will probably reflect one of three dominant trends: a very large tribal base with lots of built-in voters, a successful Islamist/secular leftist appeal to the discontent of many people suffering economic hardships and political frustration, or a practical, credible approach to solving the real life economic and social problems that dominate most people's day-to-day concerns. After the elections, however, we will continue the task of working out a new political culture that can see us through this moment of transformation and into the next century. We will continue the joh of national retooling and overhauliog.

The delicate issue of Palestinian-Jordanian dichotomy will

The delicate issue of Palestinian-Jordanian dichotomy will continue to dominate people's thoughts, and it will continue to be an awkward issue as long as it is framed in the context of two people who are competing with one another for the same pie, or the same constituency. In the new Middle East that will emerge, this is a caveman anitude that is also a recipe for mutual and collective suicide. The challenge before us is to leave this shallow provincialism behind us with all the other broken baggage from earlier this century, and to start discussing Jordanian-Palestinian identity not as a dichotomy, but as a duality — as a source of strength and vitality, rather than as a source of vulnerability or weakness.

I believe that the confusion and emononalism of the past three weeks largely reflect the start of this process: the occasional hitterness, contradictions, ambiguities and denials we live with reflect the difficulty that yesterday's men are baving coming to terms with today's realities and tomorrow's opportunities. The continued survival and progress of Jordan, as of all other states in this region, will require substantial changes in the politics and power flows that have defined us for most of this century. The elections are an important step along a very long road to this end. The decision to hold them on time is a vital reaffirmation of the realistic and slightly oble position we hold in the landscape of Arab reconfiguration and rebirth.

It is a commitment to the truth — however sensitive and trying it may be. The difference between today and decades past is that none of us in the Middle East has the option to hide from the truth any longer — for the truth has been imposed on us by our broken treasuries, our occupied lands, our mortgaged national resources and our exhausted people. In the last few years, Jordan has been a possible model of bow to escape from these harsh Arah realities on the strength of economic realism, political courage, and social justice. It was the courageous and correct thing to do to hold the elections on time and to maintain this course — and to remind the merchants of greed and fear that they can always find salvation and redemption in the truth that is nothing more than the vitality and intelligence of their own people.

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Rabin moves to the centre with 'possible benefits'

By Haim Baram

WEST JERUSALEM — The festivities in Israel continue unabated, the Palestinians lick their wounds and the Israeli establishment celebrates the sweet aftermath of historic Sept. 13. This temporary summing-up of the dazzling events of September 1993 is by means exaggerated. Prime Minister Yitzbak Rabin is slowly discovering that the big wide world contains some bizarre and exotic lands, in addition to the good old United States of America. This astounding revelation seems to boggle Mr. Rabin's mind. The ceremony at the White House was perhaps distasteful for him, especially the hand-shake business, but since then he has recovered, at least for the time

Your correspondent was told that the dour premier, who really dislikes Arabs as people, did not enjoy himself in Morocco, either, and the trip on Sept. 14 was simply too much for him. But the lavish international and domestic praise has endeared him somewhat to the peacemaking endeavour and the ex-general is reported to have mellowed considerably. He still suffers from uncontrollable bouts of envy towards his arch rival Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, and this was the only reason for his sudden change of heart on Sept. II when he agreed to go to Washington.

Ironically, Mr. Rabin's shaky international standing and reputation was virtually rescued by the two public figures that he hates most, Mr. Peres and Yasser Arafat. But a new political process is now taking place within Israeli society, as the obvious gains for Israel have become absolutely plain. The warm reception given to the mutual recognitioo between Israel and the PLO, after 27 years of anti-Arafat propaganda and brainwashing, surprised Mr. Rabin and shocked the main opposition party, Likud, not to mention

the extreme right. This, unexpected development has widened Mr. Rabin's options. His new terminology includes terms like "referendum" and even general elec-tions. Mr. Rabin has followed Mr. Peres from the pragmatic tight into the moderate centre. and his steps were typically cautious and even reluctant. He was astonished, and then delighted, to find that the hulk of the Israeli electorate has shifted to the centre, too. This dramatic turn about has left the Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu, in a truly impossi-



Netanyahu's blanders

"A man cannot be too careful in the choice of his enemies." wrote Oscar Wilde. Mr. Rabin has probably never heard of Wilde hut he was and is very fortunate with the Likud's pathetic choice as leader. Mr. Netanyahu, 43, is inexperienced and his reputation as a man of very little intelligence is spreading very rapidly. For him. this has been a Black September in which he has managed to commit every hlunder imaginable.

The Likud leader has misread and totally misunderstood the mood of his own followers, and his grasp of the profound sociological changes that led them to discard right-wing fundamentalism is very poor indeed. The results of such a huge misjudgement have been alarming, from Mr. Netanyahu's point of view. Throughout the momentous ten days leading to the highly publicised event at the White House, the Likud leader addressed himself only to the lunatic right in a vehement, populist, semi-fascist style. Thus he successfully altenated the Israeh middle classes, and virtually pushed them into Mr. Rabin's hesitant arms. Instead of winning over the potential floating votes (crucial in any general election in Israel) Mr. Netanyahu courted the ideological expan-

The Israelis who support the rapprochement with the PLO, almost 60 per cent of the Jewish population, include most of the traditional floating voters, in addition to a great many habitual Likud voters. These people would have listened

sionists, who are in his pocket

any way!

attentively to reasoned, detailed and documented criticisms of the accord. But they have rejected the fanatical, total rejection offered by Mr. Netanyahu. Especially since the hapless Likud leader has failed to advance any original alternative peace agenda. One does not have to be a hleedingheart leftist in order to dream about peace and prosperity after a century of bloody conflict. Mr. Netanyahu simply does not understand this.

Evideoce of his folly is seemingly endless. During the mass demonstrations against the Israeli recognition of the PLO on Sept. 7. Mr. Netanyahu banished David Levy, the respected ex-foreign minister and an authentic representative of North African immigrants, from the podium and allowed his most dangerous enemy. Ariel Sharoo, to address the huge crowd instead. At a stroke Mr. Netanyahu enhanced Mr. Sharon's position and prevented the Oriental Jews (traditional supporters of Likud) from protesting against the government.

Mr. Netanyahu is a godsend to the political centre, and his loud speeches and frequent TV appearances fail to impress anyone, except die-hard Likudniks.

The possible benefits

On Sept. 19, Mr. Rabin flew to Alexandria to meet the Egyptian President Hosni Muharak. Egypt is, of course, very relieved, since the PLO has now finally legitimised full ties with Israel. On the same day Ma'ariv displayed a long list of countries with which Israel is about to have di-

plomatic relations. The mindboggling list comprises Pakistan, Morocco, Tunisia, Afghanistan, Malaysia, Indonesia, Cambodia, Oman, Saudi Arahia and Zimbabwe. This is enough to lure thousands of husiness-minded Israelis ioto the lucrative future offered by Mr. Shimon Peres.

All these perks depend, of course, upon the implementation of the Interim Agreement and even more upon the nature of the permanent settlement. Some politicians within the Labour Party, Mr. Rabin included, may still undermine all the historic achievements of September 1993. Those who suggest that the accord is bound to lead to a Palestinian state delude themselves and others. The world and the hard core peaceniks in Israel, still have an arduous task to prompt the victorious Israeli establishment to capitalise on the oew atmosphere of goodwill rather than recklessly waste it. Some potentous remarks

made by Mr. Rabin on his return from Alexandria angered the Syrians. The Israeli premier blasted Hafez Al Assad for his intransigence in Lebanon, and hinted that a final agreement with Syria was not on the cards in the foreseeable future. This prompted Mr. Assad to accuse Mr. Arafat of branching out from the Arab consensus by talking to the Israelis "behind my back." Mr. Rabin seemed nonchalant, almost disdainful. After all. the Americans launched a fund-raising conference to usher in the Israeli-Palestinian accord, and his North Atlantic horizon seems reassuringly cloudless - Middle East Inter-

Human capital is most promising source of growth in Mideast

By Berta Gomez

WASHINGTON — The problems of poverty and ucemployment in the Middle East could be greatly alleviated by shifting goveroment speeding away from military programmes to favour of basic education, according to a panel of eco-

"Ecocomists are increasingly realising that the real source of growth is in human capital," Nemat Shafiq, a World Bank economist, said during the Middle East Institute's 47th annual conference, held on Sept. 30/Oct. I, 1993.

The recent and dramatic success of economic liberalisation in several East Asian countries has also caused experts to revise their ideas about "what is possible," even in areas with limited natural resources, she added.

Ms. Shafiq was joined by Alan Richards of the Democratic Institutioo Support Project and Fareed Mohamedi of the Petroleum Finance Corporation. Their analysis of Economic Discontent" in the Middle East — ooe of several panel discussions held during the two-day conference — was moderated by Joe Stork of the Middle East Research and Information Project.

Although reliable statistics are scarce, the panelists agreed that unemployment io the Middle East is both widespread and a potential source of instability.

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"All numbers on unemployment... should be taken with several truckloads of salt." warned Mr. Richards, who added that "exactly what is going on is difficult to determine."

Politically, however, "it doesn't matter... because whatever the case may be the frustration is very real," he said.

According to Mt. Richards, unemployment in the Middle East is most severe among young people with a modicum of education, but "who have been poorly, provided with marketable skills." Unable to find appealing jobs in government or the private sector, and unwilling to accept the low-wage jobs that are available to them, they often spend years simply waiting for work and becoming increasingly angry, he said.

The solution lies in greater economic freedom and democracy — coupled with a strong emphasis oo basic educatioo, which he described as "absolutely essential." A greater reliance on open markets and more accountable governmeots will produce more jobs, he said. If workers have been given proper basic training, they will bave the skills to fill those jobs, and eveo to adapt to changing economic circumstances in the future, be

explained.

Mr. Mohamedi noted that even in a country as wealthy as Saudi Arahia, "under-employed and under-educated" young people are showing signs of frustration with the status quo.

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Mr. Richards ooted that other panel discussions held during the conference bad focused on "encouraging signs" of political and economic reform, and be expressed hope that "that is the wave of the future" in the Middle East.

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Another area in which all three panelists agreed was the need to trim military spending lhroughout the region. Farced Mohamedi, whose comments focused on Saudi Arabia noted that its military expenditures "have never made sense to me... especially when it still. basically, can't defend itself." At a time of stagnant or falling oil revenues, the Saudi government will nevertheless be expected to maintain the bigh standard of living within the kingdom and will, Mr. Mohamedi predicted, find itself under severe financial pressure.

"Increasingly... the ability of the (Saudi) government to sustain future spending at its historic levels is being called into question," be said.

Despite the general agreement on the need to curb military expenditures in the region, none of the panelists was optimistic on that count. Mr. Richards described any reductions as "unlikely" and Ms. Shafiq added: "I'm not holding my breath" — United States Information Agency.

Cousteau society backs bill of rights for future generations

CHESAPEAKE, USA - In January 1994 the Cousteau Society will be 20 years old, Captain Jacques Cousteau, who turned 83 last June, is on his minth trip around the world aboard bis famons Calypso, while the Alcyone — the society's new tur-bo sailship — is tackling her first trip around the world. Every year the ships go into dry dock for about three months - the Alcyone is currently in dry dock at Singapore and the Calypso is in dry dock at Ho Chi Min City,

formerly Saigon.
Peter Burtchell, one of two lecturers for the Coustean Society based in Chesapeake, Virginia brings the fascinating world of Capt. Cousteau's expeditions and environmental research to the public. His presentations cover subjects as wide-ranging as oceanography, marine biology, wetlands ecology, fisheries biology, wildlife biology, ornithology, botany, volcanology, glaciology, seismology, astronomy, meteorology, fire ecology, history, anthropology and architecture.

The Coustean Society remains

The Coustean Society remains primarily ao environmental education and an environmental research organisation funded by private contributions. "We do most of our research in developing countries," Burtchell explained. "We don't do much in terms of research in the U.S. because there are so many very good research organisations already bere - universities, corporations, government agencies like the Environmental Protection Agency. We feel we serve a much greater need in the poorer developing countries that doo't have research vessels and research scientists."

The Alcyone has completed half of its round-the-world tour which is broken up into a series of expeditions called "Rediscovery of the World." Named for the daughter of the Greek god of the wind, the Alcyone has diesel engines on board for maneuvering in dock or when there is no wind. But she is primarily a wind-powered vessel and uses Capt. Cousteau's invention called turbosails. "When they are at sea and the wind is blowing sufficiently strong, they save quite a bit of fuel and produce much less pollution by sailing under sail turbopower, as opposed to using a diesel engine," Mr. Burtchell



Jacques Consteau

The latest Alcyone rediscovery expedition, which ended last Denber, was along most of the Mekong River in Southeast Asia. When we do a river, we try to do source-to-delta expedition, along the entire length," Mr. Burtchell said. That is what the Cousteau Society did in the Amazon in 1983-84, starting in the Andes and going down the entire 4,000-mile length of the river, to the Pacific Ocean. It took about a year and a balf to complete the

This time, "we started in Thailand and Laos up at the Chinese border and planned to sail all the way down the Mekong River to the delta," Mr. Burtchell ex-plained. "Unfortunately, when we arrived at the Cambodian border, the Cambodian civil war was in full swing. We had to bypass the portion of the Mekong that flows through Cambodia. We picked it up again on the Vietnamese side further down

Mr. Burtchell says the Cousteau scientists spent the majority of the time in the Mekong River delta, an enormous wetlands. They worked with Vietnamese scientists to do an ecosystem study, focusing oo the impact of the Agent Orange defoliant used during the Vietnam war.

There seems to be an uousualhigh rate of birth defects among children in the area," be There is no firm connecdoo between Agent Orange and the birth defects but we, along with the Vietnamese governmeot, were beginning to study it to see if there was a link. We are a long way from establishing a link. A lot of work needs to be

Two years ago the Cousteau started an expedition along the enlire length of the Danube River which lasted about a year. "Even though the expedition is over, we ment plants," he said.
Soll active in the expeditions. are still very much concerned about the Chernobyl-type reac-

tors that are found along the banks of the Danube - in countries like Hungary, for instance that are in serious danger of failure," Mr. Burtchell said. "We are working with the Union of Concerned Scientists to see if we can get the European Community to do something about shutting down these potentially very dangerous nuclear reactors."
"When we began our rediscov-ery expeditions in 1985, we laun-

ched the Alcyone from France, where she was built. The Calypso began the expedition from Nor-folk, Virginia," Mr. Burtchell said. Since then, the ships have been heading westward around the world, around the Americas. all the way down the up of South America and back up, all the way up to Alaska and the Arctie Ocean and down to Japan. They do not travel side by side - they are going on their own side ex-peditions — but their paths cross ns -- but their paths cross

Just before the Danube and the Mekong River expeditions, the Alcyone spent two years circumnavigaong Australia, studying the great white shark. "It was the most exhausove research to date on a very much misunderstood creature," Mr. Burichell said. "We tagged and studied more great white sharks than anybody has ever done before, taking tissue samples.

Takiog a break while his ship is in dry dock in Vietnam, Capi. Consteau receotly travelled to Paris to discuss the oext research project. One of the possibilities is to conooue westward, perhaps heading towards Africa, begin-ning with Madagascar. In the next two years or so the Calypso and the Alcyone will end up back in the Atlantic and possibly the Mediterraneao, where Capt. Consteau began experimenting with the scuba equipment be in-

We just celebrated the 50th anniversary of the invention of the aqualung in January 1993," Mr. Burtchell said. He adds that the society has gone back to the Mediterranean from time to time to compare and contrast. Studies show that things are not as bad as they were 10 or 15 years ago. "In

around the Mediterranean basin have taken measures to stop dumping bazardous waste and waste water from sewage treat-

Capt. Cousteau spends most of his time overseas, living aboard the Calypso. He rarely leaves the sbip except for meetings with the Cousteau Society Board of Directors or meetings with heads of state and other government offi-cials. During the last year, he has met with more than 30 heads of state and prime ministers. He also participated in the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro in 1992.

Capt. Cousteau has a very close relationship with the head of the United Nations Environment Programme and with Boulros Ghali, the U.N. secretarygeneral. He serves on an advisory committee for the U.N.

The major thrust of the Cousteau Society - other than ex-peditioos and production of documentary fontage — is a worldwide petition campaign called the "Bill of Rights for Futore Generations. "The campaign has been under way for two years and will last one more year," Mr. Burtchell said. "We hope to gather as many as 10 million signatures." The society has be-tween four and five million signatures already. The campaign will

culminate in the fall off 1994.
At that point, "Capt. Cousteau hopes to address a meeong of the U.N. and ask that it pass a resolution to incorporate a 'Bill of Rights for Future Generations' into the constitution of each na-don," Mr. Burtchell said, "If not that, be hopes for a resolution that would encourage governments, when they pass new leg islation, to think not just of the present constituents bot of the future constituents — of the chil-dreo aod grandehildren and great-grandchildren to come,"

Capt. Cousteau is urging governments to think of how new laws will affect the quality of life of future generations. "Will they contaminated food, the basics for a decent quality of life?" Mr. Burtchell explained. "That's our big drive for the rest of the

Another long-term goal is building and launching Calypso II. The first Calypso celebrated ber 50th anniversary in 1992.

"She's not getting any younger, that's for sure," Mr. Burtchell said. "What Capt. Cousteau and his son, Jean Michel, envision is a new, larger sbip — a whole sys-tem rather than just a ship because she would be closely linked with satellite telecasts, enabling essentially instantaneous broad-

From the end of an expedition until a documentary is shown on television usually takes six months to a year. There are certain situations - a prime example is the Exxon Valdez oil spill (in Alaska) --- where it would have been more helpful if e had had instantaneous satellite telecommunications. Although neither of our ships was in the area, we pulled crew mem-bers off both ships and flew them there. We knew it was going to have a global impact, which it did. We have the basic radio

vising aboard ship."

Jean Michel has been and remains closely involved in the work of the Cousteau Society. Recently, be has struck out on his own. He has started the Jean Miehel Cousteau Production Company, which will also be doing documentaries.

nunications, but not for tele-

The Cousteau Society is follow-ing Russia's continuing dumping of ouclear waste in the Arctic but is not directly involved to monitoring. "We are on record as being against ouclear energy." Mr. Burtchell said. "Capt. Cousteau believes that as long as we have nuclear power plants, the world will be held hostage by the potenoal for nuclear terrorism. Nuclear weapons go hand in hand with

Once the Alcyone reaches the east coast of Africa, the Middle East is an area of likely study. "We would like to have gone to the Gulf when the oil spill occurred during the Gulf war, but we were not allowed for pretty much understandable reasons. To the best of my knowledge, no nongovernmental organisation has been allowed in," Mr. Burtchell

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The good news according to an official government study con-ducted last spring, says Mr. Burt-chell, is that the Gulf is looking good. "The reefs have recovered quite well. The Exxon Valdez believe it or not, the Gulf was a best-case scenario." He says the impact or the severity of an oil spill is really determined by two

factors - the grade of the crude and local temperature. "The grade can be very heavy and viscous as it was in Alaska, or thin and light with a lot of eva-porative volatiles as it was in the Gulf," Mr. Burtchell said. "As for temperature, Alaska was quite cold so the heavy, viscous oil congealed and clung to every-thing and sank to the bottom. In the Gulf, it was a light, thin crude, a lot of which could evaporate. They had warm temperatures to facilitate that evaporation." He says the shoreline along Saudi Arabia where the crude oil was either carried by spring high tides or by high winds into the dune area has hardened and will

be that way forever. The Cousteau Society considers the most pressing environneotal problem for the eoore globe to be the unique population surge of the 20th century. Mr. Burtchell said: "The root cause of all the environmental issues nuclear power, dumping waste material, abusing resources, extinction of species — can be traced back to the fact that we have an ever-growing population on this planet that is desperately trying to survive on ever-dwind-

ling natural resources."
"We think that the most important thing is education, particularly educating women in the developing world," Mr. Burtchell said. "Zimbabwe, for example, is making good progress in terms of midwives going out into the countryside and educating village omen about cootraception and about their right to chose how many children they want," Instead of having as many as 10 ot

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company have also changed and will be operating on automatic switch as

illustrated in the table below to be effective as of Oct. 9, 1993.

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12 children, which will all live in dire poverty, Mr. Burtchell says women are being told they could have fewer children, raise them well, see that they are educated

and lift the family out of poverty.

The traditional method in a lot of countries that have large, poor populations, is to see children as a type of social security in the absence of any state aid to the old, he added. "Parents hope that one or two children will get a good government job, for ins ance, and be able to take care of them in their old age."

The population of the world is predicted to rise well into the next century. "We are very con-cerned... We fell we need to do something quickly so the world isn't forced to take drastic mea-sures." Mr. Burtchell explained that, depending on a country's culture and religion, different solutions may be sought. "When we go to developing countries to talk to heads of government, to environmental managers, to scientists, to the people in the villages, we feel we don't have the right to say, in terms of populadon, you must do this."

"We need to say if you don't find some sort of mechanism within your traditions, culture, religion and political system to stem the growth of your popula-don, you're going to end up — the endre world is going to end

— in chaos." Capt, Cousteau himself has often expressed fears of a catastrophic scenario for the long-term future: With a severely overpopulated planet, the richest top 2 per cent of the population would live in luxury — behind high walls, with guards at the gates and guard towers. The other 98 per cent would be barely eking out a living, trying to get at the people

'We don't feel it has to be that way," Mr. Burtchell said, "but people have to wake to that possibility. That's what we're hoping to do with the persoon for a Bill of Rights for Future Geoerations" - World News Link.

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Ingenuity helps ordinary folk survive Yugoslav hyper-inflation

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BELGRADE — The fat wad of 10-digit dinar notes in the pocket of the privileged fore-Belgrade's near-empty shops. For local people, things are

Meat, fish, sugar, soap, coffee, cigarettes and cooking oil disappeared from the shelves long ago. When beef was last in the shops in August, a kilo cost almost the entire montbly

average wage of 16.

For the well-off, such goods can be found on the black market but most Belgrade residents have to get by on a meagre diet of bread, potatoes, peppers and, if they are

lucky, the occasional egg. The restaurants and cafes in the scruffy city centre are largely deserted. When a group gathers, the talk is about the latest arrival of goodies such as radio batteries. Madonna tapes or perhaps

But as the first winds of autumn blow through Belgrade's weed-infested parks. the conversation will get around to the approaching harsh Balkan winter and how the city will survive without heating fuel supplies of which

ran out in April. Three years ago, former Yugoslavia was on the verge of switching to a market economy that promised western-style

Now the economy is in ruins. With dinar prices edging up from morning to afternoon in many shops, annual inflation will hit 1.6 billion per cent by the end of the year. Banking. insurance and most commetce

has collapsed. The cause, according to most economists, is not only U.N. sanctions imposed against rump Yugoslavia but the break-up of the country with its interdependent republics, which were both a source of raw materials and a market

place for goods.
In 1990, for instance, 300,000 Fiat cars a year were made under licence in Serbia, with parts from Slovenia and Croatia. Now, with the parts run out and outlets gone. production is down to fewer than

With production at a standstill, few foreign reserves, and escalating war costs (and, in Serbia's case, the penalty of U.N. sanctions), the former Yugoslav republics resorted to printing more money to pay for their needs.

As fighting intensified, the gap between the government's needs and its ability to pay widened. More and more noughts had to be added to the banknotes rolling off the print-

ing presses.

To survive in a time of chronic shortages and hyper-infla-tion, queueing, bartering, scrounging, fiddling, hoarding and smuggling have become a way of life for many ordinary

Stana Tomasevic, 60, has been standing in Queue outside a shop for two bours, slowly shuffling forward. "My husband has had two operanons on his heart and has to take medicines constantly.

"Now I give his entire pension of 15 billion (\$6.25 in late September) for the drugs he needs, and we live on my pension which is smaller." she told

Reuters. At a nearby market stall, an elderly woman asks the price of the vegetables and, in some confusion, tries to count the noughts on the notes in her hand. The busy stall-holder thrusts some peppers in ber bag and pushes her away. The elderly, on small pen-

sions and most in need to largely unavailable medicines, have been worst hit. The suicide rate among the old in Belgrade alone is up to one every two days, according to

Tanjug News Agency. Some get by, living on their wits. On most mornings, 37year-old Marko Stankovic gets up in the dark to start queuing for milk for his two children. He starts chatting to other people in the queue, gets one of them to keep his place in the

line - then nips around the

corner to another queue, this

one for washing powder, and

repeats the process. This kind of opportunism is not uncommon. It is widely accepted here, for instance, that refugees sell their Red Cross food parcels on the black market. Small-scale smuggling. mainly of petrol and cigarettes.

goes on all the time. But most people scrape by quite legitimately, according to economists monitoring the situation. Most of the 200,000 Yugoslavs who work abroad ipport families back home. Many city-dwellers are given

try, where supplies are more plentiful. An electrician, for example, will repair a farmer's television for a sack of pota-

Few can get used to the haphazard effects of an inflation rate which multiplies so rapidly that workers have portions of their monthly wages paid every few days at a pro-

tected rate. Office worker Milan Djordjevic recalled: "The other day my wife persuaded me to see a film in lown. Tickets were 800 million, but I hadn't received the latest payment from the firm so we waited one day. went the next evening and it had gone up to 1.5 billion."



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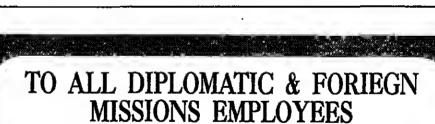
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food by relatives in the coun-Gammo presents upbeat economic prediction

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which pledged nearly \$2 billion to support Palestinian autonomy in the occupied territories envisaged under the Israel-Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) agreement signed last month. Jordan was given a key role in regional economic developmeot, Mr. Gammo said.

, The Kingdom's role, Mr. Gammo said, will be played as an associate member of an ad hoc liaison committee at sentor expert level at the multilateral phase of the Middle East peace process to coordinate with donors with particular focus on private sector trade and investment in the Middle East.

The committee will include the European Community (EC) the U.S. Japan, the

Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), Canada and the Nordic countries in addition to Jordan, Egypt. Israel and the Palestinians as associate members.

The committee will supervise the channelling of international assistance to regional economic development, including the rebuilding of the occupied territories." Mr. Gammo said.

The World Bank will act as the secretariat for the committee and will assume control of the "operational functions" of the panel, the minister added.

Within the context of Jordan's economy. Mr. Gammo said, the Washington meetings were "highly positive." and "give an added input to onr efforts to improve our

economic performance. Mr. Gammo would not be

drawn into commenting on the aim and functions of the Jordanian-American-Israeli economic working group that was announced after Friday's White House meeting among President Clinton, Crown Prince Hassan and Mr. Peres.

Prime Minister Abdul Salam Majali was quoted on Sunday as saying that the government was awaiting the return of Crown Prince Hassan to know more about the

Diplomatic sources had said earlier that it was proposed during the White House meeting and Jordan accepted the proposal, since the Americans were involved. "The group will be a win-

dow for Jordan to play a key role in the economic development of the occupied territories," an official told the Jrodan Times Saturday.

Arab Gulf states dash Turkish hopes to revive water project

ABU DHABI (AFP) - Gulf Arab states have decided an ambitious water pipeline project proposed by Turkey three years ago is unfeasible, dashing its hopes of reviving the pro-

Turkey paid \$2 million on a detailed study, which it said had found the multi-billiondollar "peace pipeline" was economically feasible. It presented details to Gulf states and awaited their response.

"Gulf water and electricity ministers have found that the Turkish pipeline project is economically not feasible and decided not to go ahead with it, United Arab Emirates (UAE) Water and Electricity Minister Humaid Al Oweis, lold local reporters late Sunday. "We found that one gallon from that project will cost five fils (1.36 cents) while one gallon of desalinated water costs one fils

project, it put its costs at \$21 billion but the UAE official said they had risen to \$23

Turkish diplomats in the region said Ankara was hoping the project would be revived after the end of the Gulf war and the start of peace negotiation between Israel and its Arab neighbours.

The negotiations also include multilateral talks on such issues as water and environment. Gulf states and Turkey are participating in those talks

on Oct. 26. Turkey hopes Gulf and other countries will consider the peace pipeline project again after the return of peace to the Gulf the start of the peace process in the whole Middle East," a Turkish diplo-

The pipeline was to pump water from Turkey's twin riv-

Syria, Jordan and Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) states - Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Oman, Qatar, Kuwait and the

Diplomats cited security fears as the real reason for GCC's reluctance to agree on the project. They said the project would put the Gulf group at the mercy of Turkey and those two Arab countries.

Turkey's dispute with Iraq and Syria over the Euphrates is still fresh in their minds," an Arab diplomat said.

GCC states are among the richest nations in oil but poorest in water given their desert land. This forced them to turn to the sea, where rhey have built nearly 45 major desalination plants at a cost of more than \$100 billion.

The plants produce around 1.4 billion cubic metres (46.6 billion cubic feet) per year and

provide more than 70 per cent of their potable water.

Most of them have announced plans to build more units to face a rapid growth of nearly 10 per cent due to rising population and a large expansion in the industrial sector. This, added to the region's fearsomely bot weather, has made water consumption in the Gulf one of the highest in the world.

At a water conference in Dubai last year, Lebanon proposed supplying Gulf states with water from its numerous rivers through a 1,500kilometre pipeline, which it said would cost one third of the

Turkish project. GCC officials have said they are awaiting for details of the pipeline, which is also to transit Syria and Jordan and pump around 760 million cubic metre (25.3 billion cubic feet) of sweet water per year.

Iran bypassing traders to sell oil in Mediterranean

NICOSIA (R) - Iranian Oil Minister Gholamreza Agazadeh said Iran has a new marketing policy to bypass traders and sell oil directly in the Mediterranean, an oil industry newsletter reported Monday.

Mr. Agazadeh told the Middle East Economic Survey (MEES) that Iran was acquiring storage in the Mediterranean and northwest Europe and bypassing traders by dealing directly with SUMED, the pipeline linking the Gulf of Suez with the Mediterranean.

Asked if this was a new move he said: "Yes. this is correct. It is our policy to go directly through SUMED and find storage in the Mediterranean. We have a new marketing approach in this field."
"I suppose they have final-

ised the agreement with SUMED and we have storage in Greece. We will expand this marketing approach," he year.

China mulls

He said Iran now wanted its own firms to sell the oil through SUMED rather than

going through the traders. SUMED's late chairman. Mohammad Mae'bed, had told Reuters in September that Iran was negotiating to use SUMED directly for the 500,000 barrels per day (b/d) it normally sends through the pipeline, after the flow was virtually cut off in late August.

Mr. Aqazadeh also disclosed that when Kuwait decided to stay out of the June OPEC agreement. This caused difficulties for Iran, and "some two months ago" he ordered his production officials to raise

"Before that we stayed close to our assigned level," he said. Independent monitors have estimated Iran pumped between 3.6 million b/d to 3.7 million b/d for most of this

Russian unrest leaves oil markets cold

with their relaxed view of the fighting in Moscow.

Fear that unrest might boil over in Russia, which sells two million barrels of oil a day to the West, has been an intermittent prop for petroleum prices ever since the August 1991 abortive coup. After the gunfire actually began Sunday, Asiao prices firmed. But London November fu-

tures for the benchmark Brent Blend of crude later put on only a meagre 14 cents from their Friday close, then eased off from an early high of \$17.44 per barrel to trade at \$17.40. It seemed, at least in part, that assurances that supply was not interrupted had calmed

market jitters. There are no problems with oil supplies. Everything is O.K." said Vladimir Pekerman, an official at Russia's

energy ministry.
Peter Gignoux, head of the London energy desk at trading house Smith Barney Shearson, noted there had been no reports so far that strife bad spread from Moscow or involved trade unions.

He added; "perhaps it takes time for the market to detoxify from OPEC and it just is oot ready for another jolt of adrenaline.

The Moscow fighting followed by four days a meeting of the Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), which reached a oew quota agreement to curb excess supply that added 70 cents to the price of a barrel of

Geoff Pyne, an energy economist with UBS Securities in London, commented that "the

LONDON (R) - Oil markets market has bad so many Russurprised themselves Monday sian scares that it may take a wait-and-see attitude with just some risk premium added to the price.

Western stocks are high with 97 days of forward cover m storage in the industrial nations, according to the International Energy Agency.

Russian sales include gasoil used for heating fuel, which is in strong demand in Germany and clsewbere in western Europe with the onset of the northern winter. But October gasoil futures were not much changed around \$174.50 per tonne at London's midday.

"There are no extreme situations. Everything is running more or less normally," said Sergei Andreyev, an aide to Alexander Putilov who is the chairman of Rosneft, a big exporter of Russian refined oil

Transworld Marine Shipping Agency, which ships Russian crude, fuel and gas oil from the Baltic ports of Ventspils and Klaipeda, said exports from the Baltic appeared unaffected.

"I don't think tanker loadings have been disrupted," Transworld tanker agent Richard van Wyelie said. would bave heard if there was

Rassia's government took measures to protect energy supply, transport and commnnication, ITAR-TASS news agency said. A resolution signed by Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin was aimed at supporting the week-long state of emergency introduced by President Boris Yeltsin Sunday and averting "illegal ac-tions and acts of force."

Japanese companies win \$1.6b Qatar tanker deals

DUBAI (R) - Three Japanese shipyards have won contracts worth a total of about \$1.6 billion to build seven tankers to carry liquified gas from Oatar to Japan.

A statement by the Oatar Liquefied Gas Company Limited (Qatargas). outsined by Reuters Sunday, said the Japanese sbipyards of Mitsui Engineering and Shipbuilding. Mitsubishi Heavy Industries and Kawasaki Heavy Indus-tries would build the seven 135,000-tonne tankers.

The tankers will carry about four million tonnes of liquefied natural gas (LNG) a year from Qatar's giant North Field to Japan's Chubu Electric Power Co. Inc. starting in 1997.

The statement said contracts were signed Saturday with a consortium of Japanese shipowners who will lease the lankers to Oatar for 25 years. It

- Much of Kazakhstan's oil

industry was in decline this

year, with output falling,

equipment run down and many

There has been a notice-

able decline in daily output in

recent years. Whereas daily

output was 62,000 tonnes in

the fourth quarter of 1991, it was only 52,000 in the first

Kazakh Energy and Fuel

Resources Minister Kadyr

Baikenov said last month that

oil output in 1993 was expected

to be about the same as 1992's 26 million tonnes (520,000 bar-

quarter of 1993," it said.

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Official report has said.

The Oatargas project is part of Qatar's ambitious plans to cut reliance on its limited oil reserves and exploit its gas reserves — the largest in the

Oatar aims to produce and export up to 25 million tonnes of LNG a year by the end of the decade.

two lankers would be delivered in late 1996. The last will come into service in the year 2000. It did not say how the contract for the seven tankers would be divided between the three shipyards, nor did it give a value for the deal, Industry reports have put the value of the tankers at slightly under

\$250 million each. Japanese shipyards had been tipped earlier in the year to win the contract but newspapers

rels per day).
The republic signed a joint

venture deal with U.S.-based

Chevron Corp this year to de-

velop the giant Tengiz and

Kazakh Officials as being in the

top 10 deposits in the world.

restricted by quality problems

which have forced neighbour-

ing Russia to limit the amount

of Tengiz oil accepted by its

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naigaz offered consumers 4.7

million tonnes of oil in Janu-

ary-April, down 11.5 per cent

from the same year-ago

The report said the national

But output there has been

Kazakhstan's oil industry

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refineries.

sui, OSK Lines, NYF Line, K-Line. Showa Line and Lino

said the deal had to be repriced in dollars because a recent surge in the value of the yen against the dollar made initial Japanese offer too costly. Last month Japanese firms lost out on a \$1 billion contract

to build four LNG tankers for Midole East after Iran's. the UAE emirate of Abu Dhabi. The contract was awarded to Finnish firm Kvaerner Masa Yards Inc.

In May, Oalargas awarded The statement said the first the Japanese company Chiyoda the contract to build the plant which will convert the dry gas from the North Field inlo LNG for transport by tanker to the Far East.

The state-owned Oatar General Petroleum Corporation has a 65 per cent stake in Qatargas. Total S.A. and Mobil Corp. have 10 per cent each, and Japan's Marubeni Corp and Mitsui and Co. Ltd each hold 7.5 per cent.

It said the decline was espe-

cially evident in the main pro-

ducing region of Mangistau,

which accounts for about half

stan, the second biggest oil

producer in the former Soviet

In Mangistau, only 73.3 per

cent of capacity was in use, compared with 80.2 per cent in 1991. This oil deposit is in a

state of declining output," it

Difficult conditions were

prompting an exodus of workers, with 1,243 leaving the Mangistaumunaigaz company

Union after Russia.

and cost more than most of us

— including myself — had
assumed," he said.

if their jobs are safeguarded."

Meanwhile, industrial production in the former West Germany rose by 2.1 per cent in August from July but was sull 5.6 per cent below yearearlier levels, the economics ministry has said.

Kohl says German unity more costly than planned

BONN (R) - Chancellor Helmut Kohl said Sunday Germany's three-year-old unification would cost more and take longer to be carried out than expected.

But he said unity day was a day of joy and called on Germans to help pull their country out of recession and raise living standards in formerly com-munist East Germany to Western levels.

He also denounced neo-Nazi violence against foreigners. "Together we must do everything to get out of the present economic recession," the

conservative chancellor said in

a television address. "Chances for new growth are good. Our most important task is to create jobs for the future. We will overcome the economic and social problems. But it is going to take longer

Mr. Kohl promised at unification in 1990 to East Germany into "a blossoming landscape" in four years. But the region is still plagued by mass unemployment brought on by

," Mr. Kohl said. "Also in West may people today ask But he said unification was an opportunity "for all of us" and that a lot had been done in the past three years.

> layoffs. be an expansion of a two-year-

foreign ownership of dying factories

PEKING (Agencies) — China is considering new ways to attract foreign investment to bail out failing state enterprises, including selling them outright to overseas investors, the official China Daily has said.

Foreign trade ministry official Li Yue was quoted as saying he had proposed new methods of wooing overseas capital in addition to existing joint-venture models.

In one model, loss-making state enterprises would "sell their assets outright to foreign companies to form wholly owned foreign ones," said Mr. Li, of the ministry's foreign investment department. Current practice allows fore-

tures with state-run enterprises or buy minority shareholding interests. China has begun allowing wholly-owned foreign ventures on a limited scale but only for

ign firms to enter joint ven-

new projects. Another model proposed by Mr. Li would allow struggling firms to contract management to foreign firms who would enjoy tax holidays and other granted to joint-venture part-

Loss-making state enterprises, whose products typically are of low quality and sell poorly, are a major contributor to growing budget deficits. The government has long protected them from competition for fear of the social instability that would result from massive

Mr. Li's proposals appear to

old programme under which loss-making "backbone" industries are being merged with profitable Chinese "white knight" enterprises - sometimes switching to entirely new product lines.

Some hopeless factories are being sbut down altogether and their workers laid off with half pay at state expense. The problem with the ex-

isting scheme is that there are far more ailing enterprises than there are healthy ones able or willing to bail them out. The China Daily business

weekly said Sunday that a crippling sbortage of funds is hampering production in Chinese state enterprises and threatening reforms in the lossmaking sector.

The lack of a steady credit supply bas affected state enterprise production in the third quarter. State Commission for Economic Restructuring offi-cial Jia Heting was quoted as

"The money sbortage has made it difficult for China to reform its enterprises in a market-oriented way," be said, referring to moves to wean the yuan in 1992 - off state subsidies and give firms decisionmaking powers.

"Many enterprises have seen tbeir debt balloon," Mr. Jia said. "And triangle debts between enterprises has surfaced again with a vengeance."

The Chinese government had previously claimed to have solved the problem of triangle debts - or debts between state enterprises, one-third of which are in the red.

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FORECAST FOR TUESDAY OCTOBER 5, 1993 By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A wonderful day for all kinds ofunexpected surprise matters to arise so that you will better understand where you fit-in with others and how you can express your own special skills to advau-ARIES: (March 21 to-April 19)-

You want to extend your activi-ties into new directions but the time is not quite ripe to do so and you need to have more information concerning this new venture. TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20)

Obligations from the past need your undivided attention and it get into anything new and that you do not understand. GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) Conditions that have some stress

light where a partner is con-nected but take it in your stride and don't panic. MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) A.' day to put your mind solely upon your work load and

connected with them come to

just how you can best handle it so that you will produce the finest possible result. LEO: (July 22 to August 21) You are itching to get off to some good times and yet pursuing them today or tonight would not have the giec that you would like

to engage in. VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) Don't let a home prob-lem get you down but look at it you will be able to attend to it in a really constructive manner. LIBRA: (September 23 to Octo-ber 22) Consider well the various communications you have to get out and make a special point to be most tactful and consider-

from an impersonal angle and

ate in any messages you have: SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) You want to do something that is unwise where money or other practical condi-tions are involved but study ways

to do at a more propitious time. SACITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) You feel a pressure within yourself to gain something you want very much of a personal nature but you would find obstacles in your

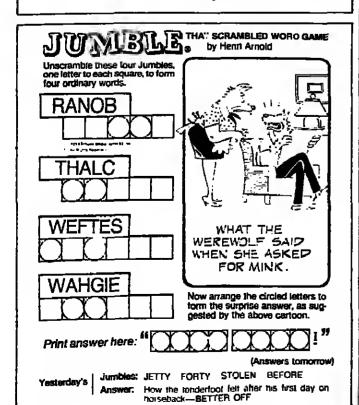
CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) Consider well the various private anxieties and don't try to get out from under them hastily but take your time, and "attend conscientiously.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) You want to get out with friends and have a good time but curb your gregarius Aquarius desires and carry through with promises made a good friend.

PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) This is your moment to make sure that you do handle whatever ontside civie or community duties you have in a scrupulously careful manner.

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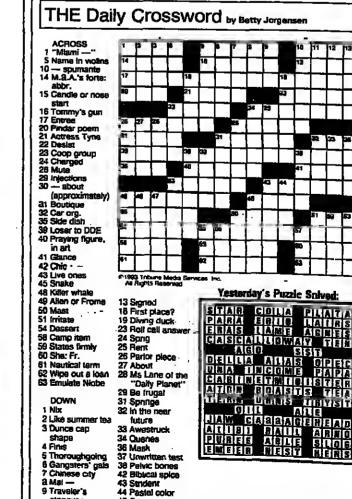


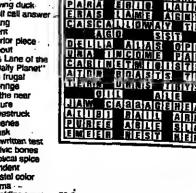
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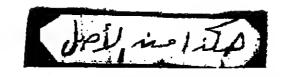




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Dutch Guilder	0.3751	0.3770	
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Saudi Riyal	0.1845	0.1860	
Kuwaiti Dinar	2.2550	2.3200	
Qatari Riyal	0.1875	0.1892	
Egyptian Pound	0.2050	0.2220	
Omani Riyal	1.7640	1.8210	
UAE Dirhain	0_1875	0.1892	
Greek Drachma	0.2895	0.3245	
Cypriot Pound	1.3465	1.3845	

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DOHA (R) — A regional industrial agency has recommended that Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) states increase smelter capacity to recycle aluminium in a region where only five per cent of scrap is reused. The Gulf Organisation of Industrial Consultancy (GOIC).

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which advises the governments of the region, said only 4,500 tonnes of scrap aluminium was being reused locally in the six GCC states out of 90,000 tonnes produced. "About 45 per cent is exported and the rest is just dumped and

left out in the open, severely polluting the environment," it said in a study made available to Reuters. It said smelters in the GCC - Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar,

Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates and Oman - had a capacity to recycle 7,000 tonnes of aluminium scrap per year but this was inadequate in a region which is expected to produce 115,000 tonnes of aluminium by 1995.



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Agency says aluminium scrap | Egypt issues stock market index

market has started issuing an official index of share movements to promote investor interest in the exchange, brokers

there said Monday. But they added trade was still slow six months after new regulations were introduced to boost the slumbering exchange because investors were waiting for the government to privatise public sector firms and provide tempting share offers.

Cairo's stock exchange was once the world's sixth largest but fell into discuss when Egypt adopted socialisi-style policies in the 1960s and nationalised most of its listed companies.

For two years, reviving the market has been a key aim of economic reforms backed by the World Bank. But progress been slow and the exchange's annual turnover still totals only about \$200 million.

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Jordan. Leading economic journal Al Ahram Al Iqtisaadi pub-lished three sample daily indcxes issued by the Capital Markets Authority (CMA) in its weekly Monday edition.

In the indexes, for Monday, Tuesday and Thursday last week, brokers made a total of 106 trades.

Lasi Monday, the busiest day, the shares of 18 companies were traded at a value of 259,445 Egyptian pounds (\$77,215). The Arabic-language index lists each separate deal but does not give aggregates for the volume and value

of trading on each day.

The market rose to 122,8991 from 122,8369 or 0.06 per cent on the day but the index did not indicate what its base was. The CMA has been distributing trading information 10 private consultants but it is the

CAIRO (R) — Egypt's stock a fifth that of neighbouring first time it has itself issued an official index.

More than 600 companies are listed on the exchange but most of them are closed or family firms listed for tax reasons. Only about 24 are actively traded.

"We're all waiting for privatisations and new companies to trade," Mohammad Hamed, chairman of the brokers' association, told Reuters. "The main movements on the market are on rumours that such and such a company will be privatised.

"I bave foreign investors coming to see me every week but none of them close a deal," he added.

A dozen brokers, mostly wearing open shirts and safari suits, sat in a circle in the domed exchange Monday while half a dozen elderly punters behind a barrier at the edge of the floor scribbled notes on share movements. An official wrote down trades by hand and then reised them by dumb waiter to a man chalking the latest prices up on a balcony overlooking the floor. In the middle of the

floor, two clerks with personal

computers entered the deals

for the index. "I've come here nearly every day since I've retired, more than ten years," said Hussein Ibrahim Saleh, an ex-schools inspector who speculates with

"You can make money if you use your head," he said. In the past year one firm, the Suez Cement Company, nas dominated trading as investors speculated the government was going to sell off its majority stake. Shares doubled and the firm accounted for about 20 per cent of trading

United Arab Emirates to draw up long-term development plan

ABU DHABI (AFP) - The competent departments in the United Arab Emirales (UAE) will draw up a long-term development plan, with U.N. help, for the first time since oil was discovered in the UAE three decades ago, Al Bayan newspaper has reported.

The emirates' planning ministry has called oo the United Nations to help in drafting the plan which will stretch over 10 to 15 years, the paper said. "The ministry has asked all

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country to participate in this comprehensive economic and social plun," it said.

It is the first time that the UAE, a federation of seven Gulf emirates, has embarked on such a plan, which will focus on the development of the non-oil sector with the help of crude export earnings.

So far, development projects in the emirales have depended on annual allocations from local and federal budgets, But

there have been complaints. over the delay in issuing the federal budget was harming development.

The UAE produces 2, to million barrels per day and has used the oil wealth to expand industries and other sectors. This has steadily boosted the share of the non-oil sector of the gross domestic product (GDP) at the expense of the oil sector, which had long dominated economic activity.

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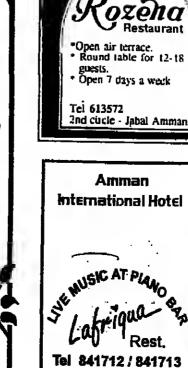


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The Blue Kite

gets grand prix

TOKYO (AFP) - The Blue

Kite was awarded the Tokyo Grand Prix on the final day of

the Tokyo International Film.

Festival Sunday, in spite of the

other prize winners at the cere-

mony," said Tian Zhuang,

zhuang, the director of the joint China-Hong Kong production, at a press conference.

Zhang Xingyuan, director of external affairs at the Film

Bureau of the Chinese Radio.

Film and Television Ministry,

flew back to Peking at the head

of the delegation in protest. He

was quoted as saying that the

Peking Film Studio owned the

copyright to the movie and had.

not authorised it entry in the festival. The Blue Kine, por

traying life during the Cultural

Revolution, also gained the Tokyo Governor's Prize as a

Japanese entry, while its pro-tagonist, Lu Liping, shared Best Actress Prize with Lolita

Younger (USA/Germany).
The movie is based on my

childhood days, so I'm glad that many people came to see

it. I feel very honoured to win
the Grand Prix, because there

are so many prominent movies," said Tian. "I learned.

film-directing after 1976. Many young people studied cinema.

music and other arts in those

days and I think I was probably

lucky, because it was the time

Other wincers were: Searching

for Bobby Fisch :: directed by

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against the screening of the film. "I never met the delegation. I'm just glad to be with!"

Chinese delegation's protest

S. Korea agrees to border talks with North

SEOUL (R) - South Korea has agreed to a proposal from the north for bordet talks an Tuesday, breaking a monthslong deadlock over Pyonggyang's suspected nuclear arms ргодгатте.

South Korean Prime Minister Hwang In-Sung a sent a telephone message to his Northern counterpart Kang Song-San Monday saying the South would agree to talks at the border hamlet of Panmunjom on the exchange of special

"I bope the scheduled working-level contact will smoothly work out arrangements for an exchange of special envoys so that it can take place at an early date." Mr. Hwang said in the message, responding to a northern offer made Saturday.

"This should provide a ma-jor impetus to the solution of the nuclear issue, the resump-tion of the suspended South-North high-level talks and the resolution of other issues pending between the South and the North," Mr. Hwang said.

Hc said Seoul would send three delegates to Panmunjom, led by Deputy Unifica-tion Minister Song Young-

The talks will be the first official inter-Korean contact since South Korean President Kim Young-Sam was sworn into office in February.

"The proposed border meeting is expected to come off because the North, in its offer for talks, attached no preconditions, unlike previous offers," a Unification Ministry official said.

"But it is still doubtful that the two sides will make substantial progress in the con-

Seoul is said to be hopeful that the exchange of special envoys, if it materialises, would pave the way for reconvening a joint North-South committee to implement a nuc-lear accord signed in late 1991, which bans atomic weapons on the Korean peninsula and gives grounds for mutual nuclear in-

The two Koreas, still technically at war 40 years after the tice, held a series of talks at prime ministerial level until December 1991.

The talks were relatively successful, resulting in a nonaggression and reconciliation pact as well as the nuclear accord.

But dialogue between the two Koreas came to a halt in January over North Korea's refusal to allow inspection of two nuclear plants near Yongbyon, 95 kilometres north of Pyongyang, where the West suspects atomic weapons are being developed.

The North had also demanded that Seoul cancel its annual military exercises. codenamed Team Spirit, with the United States before contacts could resume.

The two Koreas have since haggled over the agenda and timing for resuming talks. None has succeeded as neither side would give way on preconditions attached to resuming

The South insists on putting nuclear inspections at the top of the agenda. The North insists on discussing the exchange of special envuys before tackling the nuclear issue. Last Friday, 72 nations

meeting in Vienna voted for an International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) resolution area said a youth with a Kalashnikov rifle was arrested calling on Pyongyang 10 cooperate immediately with after he tried to attack Aftab the nuclear agency and open up suspect North Korean atoprovincial party chief before a mic sites for inspection.

South Korea said the resolution indicated a global consensus that the situation cannot be permitted to drag no much

Though the resolution fell short of referring North Korea to the U.N. Security Cuuncil for a second time, IAEA Director-General Hans Blix said he was keeping U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Ghali informed.

Meanwhile, Japanese Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa voiced deep concern Monday over North Korea's suspected nuclear weapons programme and said Japan would work closely with other countries to resolve the issuc.

Monday.
The Washington-based "On North Korean issues. National Democratic Institute we are really concerned about for International Affairs (NDI) alleged development of mishas sent a 35-member team, siles and nuclear weapons. headed by Canadian MP Mr. Hosokawa told parlia-Maurice Foster, they said.

Bosnia crisis deepens with Serb hardline, Muslim strife

SARAJEVO (Agencies) — Fresh strife between Bosnia's Muslims and a tougher line from Serbs added more hurdles Monday for negotiators seeking peace in former

The Bosnian Serb partiament withdrew concessions made as part of the latest Geneva peace plan over the weekend and on Monday published hardline statements ab-out United Nations troops trying to maintain their man-

The government of Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic has been in crisis since it effectively rejected the peace plan last week. The plan would divide Bosnia into three ethnic states.

European Community foregn ministers were scheduled to discuss the crisis at their regular meeting Monday while the U.N. Security Council gave itself until Tuesday to sort out an expired mandate for 23,900 uniformed U.N. Protection Force (UNPROFOR) troops in Bosnia, Croatia and Mace-

Rebel Muslims in the breakaway Bosnian Bihac enclave defiantly declared a new ruling party Sunday night, according to Croatian radio, although

troops loyal to the government in Sarajevo killed one person in an attack on a radio station controlled by the mutineers.

The pocket's self-declared president, Fikret Abdic. claimed he had signed up 15,000 members of the new party and said he was prepared to die for his independence

Setbs in the self-declared autonomous Krajina region in Croatia repeated refusals to U.N. requests that they disarm and return their territory to Croatian government control. Likewise, Bosnian Serbs

said they would form a greater Serbia in former Yugoslavia if the Security Council insisted on amending the language of the UNPROFOR mandate. Croatian President Franjo Tudjman has held up the

agreement by threatening to demand the removal of U.N. peacekeepers from Croatia unless UNPROFOR takes stronger action to restore his govger action to restore his gov-ernment's authority in Krajina. The Security Council there-fore recommended adding lan-guage that would warn Serb-led rump Yugoslavia of "se-

rious consequences" if it continued to support the Krajina

osal, Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic warned that Serbs would react by immediately forming a unified Serb slate, with or without signed peace accords in Croatia and Bosnia.

The proposal also angered Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic, who threatened to withdraw from Bosnian peace negotiations, according to Russian diplomats. Negotiators consider Mr. Milosevic a key link to his fellow Serbs in Croana and Bosnia.

Bosnian Serbs issued statements saying they had rejected proposals by the U.N. to deploy observers around Doboi. a frontline town in northern Bosnia, and one to open an air corridor from Zagreb over

A UNPROFOR spokesman in Belgrade said there were continual negotiations with the Bosnian Serbs but said the U.N. would not comment on the details. The statement from the Serbs seemed to be aimed at establishing a hard line on the U.N.'s role in

Sporadic fighting continued across much of Bosnia,

reported unusually quiet by both U.N. sources and local media.

Both Serb and Muslim media reported heavy fighting atound Doboj and south around Maglaj and other disputed towns.

Battles were reported around the southwestern town of Mostar although the centre of town experienced only small arms fire. Croat and Muslim officers signed a ceasefire for the ancient Ottoman town Saturday. Meanwhile, international mediators said Monday they

were looking at a new global approach to the conflicts in the former Yugoslavia after the failure of their latest peace plan for Bosnia-Herzegovina. European Community envoy Lord Owen said the

mediators may try to put nego-tiations on the brutal 18month-old Bosnian war in the context of overall Serb-Croat relations and tensions elsewhere in the Balkans. Lord Owen made his com-

ments before briefing EC foreign ministers here on the Sarajevo parliameot's rejection last week of plans for the ethnic division of Bosnia.



man sits in the rain flanked by UNHCR tarpantins in

PHNOM PENH (R) — Cam-Prospects for the November meeting achieving a break-King Sihanouk met Khmer

bodia's King Norodom Sihanouk held out the possibility Monday that the radical Khmer Rouge, which has refused to surrender its arms, would be given an advisory role in the coalition govern-

Speaking as he left Phnom Penh for China for an operation on a benign tumour, the 70-year-old monarch said the Khmer Rouge and the govern-ment would hold talks.

"They will become advisors probably - there will be discussions between the royal government and Khmer Rouge November. You will know the result in November," King Sihanouk said.

Cambodia's new govern-ment is led by King Sihanouk's eldest son, Prince Norodom Ranariddh and the former Communist premiet of the Hanoi-installed government,

|2 killed in

Pakistan

violence

ISLAMABAD (AFP) - The

Pakistan army fanned out into

450 sensitive polling stations throughout the country Mon-

day after two party workers were killed in poll violence.

The two, campaigners for a

andidate of former Prime

Minister Benazir Bbutto's

Pakistan People's Party (PPP).

were killed and another PPP

worker injured late Sunday

when an unidentified man

opened fire at a rally in

Khushab district in Punjab

The deaths brought to ten

the number killed in violence

in the runnup to the Oct. 6

polls, but the candidate, Malik

Bashir Awan, was unburt in

The incident was one of

three reported last Sunday. In

southern Sindh province un-

identified gunmen opened fire

on the car of an independent

candidate, who escaped with-

out injury.
The third incident, involving

a PPP candidate, took place in

North Frontier Province

(NWFP) on the Afghan bor-

der. Party reports from the

Ahmad Sherpao, the PPP's

A leading supporter of Ms.

Bhutto's areh political rival, former Premier Nawaz Sharif.

Ghulam Haider Wyne, 60, was

killed in an ambush in NWFP

Some 100,000 army troops,

entrusted by the interim gov-

ernment of Moeen Oureshi to

supervise the Oct. 6 polls and

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assemblies three days later, are

expected to complete deploy-

Meanwhile, some 110 inter-

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Wednesday's crucial general elections being held under army supervision, officials said

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province.

Rouge nominal leader Khieu Samphan last Friday to discuss the proposed round-table

talks. The king promised to act as a neutral bridge between the Kbmer Rouge and the government. It is not known if the subject of Khmer Rouge fighting was discussed. The Khmer Rouge, re-

sponsible for the deaths of one million Cambodians during its 1975-79 rule, has so far been refused a role in the government although it has requested

an "advisory position."

The faction boycotted U.N.organised elections in May and
has launched sporadic attacks against the government army.
The rebel forces have been seriously weakened by defections and the government bas threatened to "wipe out" the faction which still controls the

valuable gem-mining town of Pailin in western Cambodia.

stronghold Zugdidi.

confidence in Mr. Elcibey.

NEWS IN BRIEF

MOSCOW (AFP) — Georgian government troops have retaken the town of Khoni in central Georgia in a counter-

attack against rebel forces hostile to Georgian leader Eduard

Shevardnadze, the Georgian Defence Ministry said Monday.

The ministry, ciled by Interfax News Agency, said Khoni was wrested from rebels Sunday. The town, which is about 25

kilometres from the key railroad junction of Samtredia, had

been overrun late Saturday by rebels loyal to former Georgian

President Zviad Gamsakhurdia after they seized the Black Sea

port of Poti. The Georgian Defence Ministry said government

Tskhenistskali River. By overtaking Khoni, rebels had put

themselves within striking distance of the town of Kutaisi,

which Shevardnadze has re-inforced as the frontline of bis

resistance to the rebellion. Rebel forces, numbering around

2,000, hold a series of towns in western Georgia including their

MOSCOW (R) - Former Soviet politburo member and secret

policeman Haydar Aliyev appeared to have seized victory in Azerbaijan's presidential poll, winning 90 per cent of the vote, Interfax News Agency said Monday. "A representative of the

Central Electoral Commission who preferred to remain

anonymous said that out of the 97 per cent of the population

who took part, 90 per cent voted for Aliyev," the agency said.

ITAR-TASS News Agency said only that turnout was 96 per

cent in Monday's poll. Official results will be released later this

week. Mr. Aliyev, who headed the KGB security police in the

former Soviet republic in the 1960s and was first secretary of

its Communist Party in the 1970s, had faced two virtually

unknown candidates in the poll. The election was a way to

confirm his effective leadership of the Transcaucasian state,

which stripped former President Abulfez Elcibey of his powers

in June and confirmed in an August referendum that it had no

Hani murder suspects plead not guilty

JOHANNESBURG (AFP) — Three white right-wingers accused of assassinating black leader Chris Hani pleaded not guilty Monday as their Irial resumed before the Supreme

Court here after a three-month recess. Alleged trigger-man

Janusz Waluz, 38, Conservative Party (CP) ex-member of

parliament Clive Derby-Lewis, 57, and his wife Gaye, 54, a

former Catholic nun, were charged with murder, conspiracy to

commit murder and unlawful possession of a firearm and

ammunition. Security was tight as about 200 African National

Congress (ANC) followers demonstrated outside the court-

house, where they had strung up a mannikin to a lamppost

Michael Buchanan, who lives diagonally opposite Hani's

house in the suburb of Boksburg, told the morning court

session he grabbed his gun and rushed out when he heard shots

on April 10. He said he saw a red car driving past and "focused

carefully on the driver." Buchanan said he was taken to a

lineup by police the following day and asked to identify the

man he had seen from among 10 people. "I couldn't recognise

anyone, so I asked them to turn to show their left profile," be

said. "And the person who drove past my house stood out like a sore thumb." Buchanan pointed from the dock to Waluz.

JOHANNESBURG (R) - Malawi's President Kamuzu Ban-

da had brain surgery in a Johannesburg hospital and is in

satisfactory condition, a hospital spokesman said Monday.

"At present his condition is satisfactory and ... does not appear

to be life threatening at this stage," Dr. Andre Nel, general manager of the Garden City Clinic, said. Mr. Banda, who diplomats believe to be in his mid-90s. was admitted to the

Malawi's Banda has brain surgery

with a placard around its neck reading; "just hang them."

Aliyev wins Azeri elections

forces pushed rehel troops back west of Khoni across the

through appear bleak.

Second Prime Minister Hun Sen, who fought the Khmer Rouge in the 1980s, gave the talks a "ooe per cent" chance

"I may come back in November," Khieu Samphan

Opposition from Western nations expected to fund Cambodia's reconstruction after I3 years of civil war has been a major factor in keeping the extremist guerrilla faction out of any formal government role.

King Sihanouk returned to Cambodia for only 12 days following medical tests in Peking where he has a residence. Doctors said earlier be was not suffering from prostate cancer and that a tumour near bis prostate was benign. King Sibanouk did not say when he would return to Cambodia.

Sihanouk: Khmer Rouge to be advisors Shocked Indian premier offers help to build new life to quake survivors for rehabilitation.

LATUR, India (AFP) — Indian Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao Monday visited the ruins of quake-devastated village here, consoling survivors and promising to help them rebuild their shattered lives. The 72-year-old premier looked shocked and moved by

the magnitude of the destruction as he moved from ooe razed village to another, addressing groups of dazed survivors living under makeshift shelters.

Men and womeo jostled and pushed to get close to Mr. Rao and tell bim of their woes. Harried security personnel formed a ring around him during the oearly 90 minutes he spent in this region in Maharashtra state.

Mr. Rao later told reporters here that Thursday's quake, which left at least 30,000 people dead and thousands injured, was the worst "in living memory" and pledged to build new quake-proof homes for

"We will rebuild entire villages," he said, before leaving for the neighbouring state of Karnataka which was also bit by the earthquake. "I have been told that bodies are still being extricated."

Mr. Rao, who arrived here by a helicopter, drove first to the worst-hit Khillari town, which accounted for almost half the deaths.

"You bave gone through an enormous tragedy," a grim-

faced prime minister told a few hundred survivors buddled inside a tio-roof shelter. "We will spare no efforts to help you. We will resettle all of

"The entire country is with you," be said, as officials repeatedly called for silence. "We will design quake-proof bouses for you. ...we will pass through

Mr. Rao patted some on the back and beld others' bands, He stopped at the entrance to neighbouring Talni village to talk to a young man who lost his mother when their mudand-stone house crashed down on them.

He consoled another man who lost his wife, child and

brother. At the Talni's relief camp, he met a soldier who returned from Bombay to find that his entire family bad perisbed. A visibly moved Mr. Rao urged them: "Please have

At all bis asked the victims of their

needs. At Khillari, survivors, mostly farming families, demanded that the government provide them with seeds. At other places, people asked for new

houses. The prime minister, who also went to a hospital bere where hundreds of victims are beiog treated, handed over a cheque for 500 million rupees

He also announced that 50,000 rupees (\$1,660) would be paid as compensation to each "bereaved persoo," and that money constraints would not be allowed to hamper the massive relief work.

Mr. Rao praised the thousands of soldiers engaged in pulling out bodies from the mounds of rubble, and expressed fears that the quake had changed the seismological pattern of India.

We bad generally believed this not to be an area prone to quakes," he said. "The belief is shaken. The quake changes the entire seismological profile of the country."

"But people's morale is high," he said. "They are not down and out. They are looking towards the future. This is the most heartening thing."
"Let us hope a new life lies ahead for them.'

Mr. Rao also thanked foreign governments and organisations for their prompt offers of

A 19-month-old girl was plucked alive from beocath the rubble of her bome Monday, 104 hours after the earthquake turned her village into a graveyard, army rescuers said.

Priyanka Wagle was found underneath ber overturned cot buried in rubble more than one metre deep, said Brigadier Pritam Singh, whose unit found the baby in the village of Kil-

Blood In Blood Out (Bes; Director) and Japan's Masabiro Motoki (Best Actor). Italy designers love the long and the short

MILAN, Italy (R) — Whethet they were thigh-high or long and languorous, hemlines ruled the catwalks oo the fitsi day of Milan's spring-summer fashion shows Sunday. Italy's ready-to-wear designers, pla-gued by the eternal dilemma of whether to remain loyal to the long or sympathetic to the sbort, made a stylish compromise this season with collections which will let women it " choose their length. Max Mara's models were either wrapped from neck to toe in silk and linen or scantily clad in : . . next spring's tiny minis. The evening collection was long and languorous with seethrough silk trousers topped with long knit sweaters or sleek black jackets with just one : button under the breasts. Other models swept down the . catwalk in long, loose black dresses cut in the front and back with high slits. Daywear Werd 2-2-2-3 was decidedly different. Models burst on the catwalk in tihy :: white dresses with swingy pleats or low-cut backs. One model bounced down the run : way in a white turtleneck kait . .. that barely reached mid-thigh while others walked; wideeyed and shy, in small sandcoloured knit dresses with scooped-out backs. Designe Nicola Trussardi took hemlines to new beights. He decked models in very sbort pleated minis and jackets which dropped just past the skirts' hemlines. His leather mini-dress with criss-cross straps was a ---star. But Trussardi's long dresses were exaggerated. Sleeves hung past models' wrists and knit dresses dragged behind them. Other models, in earth-toned dresses, looked as if they were swimming in the fabric. Only their heads and fingertips seemed to show.

5 explosions rock North London

(\$16.6 million) to Maharashtra

Chief Minister Sharad Pawar

LONDON (R) — Five suspected IRA bombs damaged shops and offices in North London at dawn Monday causing traffic chaos.

Police said the anti-terrorist unit was on the scene but there had been no reports of casual-

The first explosion was log-ged at 0635 am (0535 GMT) close to the area where the Irish Republican Army (IRA), fighong to oust Britain from Northern Ireland, exploded three bombs at the weekend injuring five people.
"We've had reports of five

blasts from the archway and the Tottenham Lane areas and Highgate (North London) and the anti-terrorist squad is on the scene," a police spokes-woman said at Scotland Yard Police Headquarters.

"It's too early to confirm that they are bombs." British Transport Police said Highgate underground station was closed because of an ex-plosion. The blast was well ahead of London's busy rushhour and the cause was not yet

Police said one explosion had been reported close to

bigh street shops in archway and there was beavy traffic congestion as roads bad been closed. North London resident

Mark Garland said the blasts were of the same magnitude as the weekend bombs. "I heard Saturday's bombs bere and I was woken up by the same loud bangs," he said. "There were two and then another

two, making four."

British police released an artist's impression Sunday of a man they want to question about the weekend IRA

Senior Conservatives rally around Major

BLACKPOOL, England (R)
— Senior Conservatives Monday rallied around British Prime Minister John Major and told members of his fractious party to forget thoughts of a leadership challenge. Party Chairman Norman

Fowler conceded that the last 12 months had been very difficult for the Conservatives but tried to dampen speculation thal Mr. Major could be replaced. "I don't think anyone wants

to see a leadership election. I think that has been made clear... I don't think he is on probation," Mr. Fowler told BBC Radio on the eve of the party's annual conference. Aftet a bruising year of poli-

cy U-turns and party mutinies over Europe, Mr. Major's popularity has plummeted and the next big grassroots rebel-lion could be over plans to put value added tax on home heating fuel.
In a carefully orchestrated

campaign leading up to Tuesday's conference opening, Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd and Employment Secretary David Hunt joined in the chorus of support for Mr.

Majot. They also backed a call by bis ousted predecessor Margaret Thatcher for a change to the party rules to prevent incumbent prime ministers being elected from office by their own party — as she was in 1990.

Mrs. Thatcher has been a vociferous critic of Mr. Major over European union and now over the plans fot consumer fuel taxes to belp pay for a burgeoning £50 billion (\$75

billion) budget deficit.
After turning their backs on her 11-year legacy of uninterrupted power, party grandees are now seeking to rehabilitate her and hopefully silence criticism from the woman who warned last week "granny will always be there to advise,"

Opinion polls Monday gave conflicting signals to Mr.

A poll in the tabloid Sun newspaper showed 65 per cent of voters wanted Mt. Major to resign now. A narrow majority of 51 pet cent said they wished

Mrs. Thatcher was still running the country.

But a Daily Telegraph poll showed 51 per cent in favour of Mr. Major staying on though, paradoxically, he and the government are the most unpopular in the history of Gallup

Ever since Mrs. Thatcher oarrowly avoided assassination by the Irish Republican Army in the seaside resort of Brighton in 1984, Conservative cooferences have been turned into fortresses.

The northern resort of Blackpool was no exception after a spate of IRA bombs in London and Belfast signalled the guerrilla group's determination to maintain the fight against Britain despite ceasefire overtures in recent secret

Hundreds of extra police were drafted in to ring the conference centre and botel headquarters, manbole covers were checked by smiffer dogs and marksmen prepared to take up rooftop lookout posi-

Madonna in Israel

TEL AVIV (AFP) - American pop star Madonna arrived Sunday in Israel where she is scheduled to give a single con cert Tuesday at Tel Avivs.

Riverside Hayarkon Park. state television said. The singer-actress was whisked away from Ben Gurion airport in a black limousine which picked her up on the tarmac as police and body guards kept dozens of fans and photographers albay. During her stay in Israel Madonna is also expected to visit Christian holy sites in Jerusalem.

China's 1st safari park opens

HONG KONG (AFP) - China's first safari park, built at a cost of 100 million yuan (\$18 million), has opened in the special economic zone of Shenzhen, its owners Sbenzhen Tourism Corp. said Wednes day. The safari, covering 1.2 million square metres (12.9 million square feet), comprises more than 3.000 animals from 150 species, including rare breeds, it said.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Rallying Florio wins 2nd Cyprus Rally

NICOSIA (R) — Italian Alessandro Fiorio drove his Lancia Delta Integrale to victory in the three-day Cyprus International Rally Sunday, his second consecutive win in the event. Only 34 of the 90 starters from 11 countries finished the 973-km

Lewis looking ahead — to retirement

LONDON (R) - Lennox Lewis hinted Monday he may only fight more times before retiring from boxing. "I look at myself going on for about a year and a half more. Boxing's a sport I'm not going to stay in for a long time," Lewis said in an interview with BBC Radio. Lewis, 28, beat fellow Briton Frank Bruno to retain the World Boxing Council (WBC) heavyweight title in Cardiff in the early hours of Saturday — but few experts were impressed with the manner of his seven-round victory. If Lewis did quit in 18 months time it would mean be was likely to have only three more fights. His next assignment will be against World Boxing Organisation (WBO) champion Tommy Morrison in Las Vegas on March 5. The fight is conditional on American Morrison beating Michael Bent in Tulsa, Oklahoma, October 29. If Lewis fights Morrison and beats him, a unification fight against American Riddick Bowe, the World Boxing Association (WBA) and International Boxing Federation (IBF) champion, could go ahead towards the end of next year. Assuming Lewis won that — and if he was serious above year. Assuming Lewis won that - and if he was serious about quitting in 15 months — the newly-crowned champion of the world might make just one defence before calling it a day.

Referee sues Papin

LYON (AFP) - Referee Patrick Anton, under fire after Marseille's controversial match against Metz had to be abandoned, is to sue French and AC Milan star Jean-Pierre Papin for libel. Papin, a former Marseille player, was quoted by sports newspaper L'Equipe as saying Anton, who stopped the September 25th match with three minutes to go after a pitch invasion, had been "dishonest." He said: "If I choose this word, it's to remain polite." Papin added: "I don't take anything back of what I said, but I don't want to add anything either." Anton, who has received a series of death threats following the match during which he also sent off three players, two from Marseille, reacted on Monday: "In his position as captain of France, Jean-Pierre Papin should be reserved in what he says. "It's easy to make such comments when he is abroad and does not risk any sanction."

China blasts U.S. press

BELJING (AFP) - Cbina's official sports newspaper attacked "Yankee" reporters at the U.S. magazine, Sports Illustrated Monday for doubting China's record-breaking women runners. The China Sports Daily, in an article titled "Yankees, open your eyes and look," accused Sports Illustrated and runner's world of referring to 3,000 and 10,000m world tecord holder Wang Junxia in "derogatory terms." It said the biggest error was U.S. reporting on a traditional herbal clixir used by the women's team, which Sports Illustrated reportedly referred to as an "aphrodisiac for men." "We want to tell Western reporters: Open your eyes and see China clearly! When China masters scientific, standard and modern technology, the 'eastern dragon' will take off," the paper said. "If China were to select good seedlings from its 1.1 billion people, they would by far exceed the U.S. population." Wang Junxia, during a span of six days last month, destroyed the 10,000m and 3,000m records by 42 seconds and 16 seconds respectively. She also broke the 1,500m world record, but finished second behind teammate Qu Ynnxia.

Tracy wins final race of Indy-car season

MONTEREY (AFP) - Indy-car champion Nigel Mansell had an unfortunate end to a spectacular year Sundy, finishing 25th in the season finale won by Canadian Paul Tracy. Tracy, in his Penske teammate Emerson Fittipaldi of Brazil to win the Makita 300, despite a problem with loose seatbelts that left him sliding around his cookpit on the turns of Laguna Seca Raceway. The 24-year-old Canadian claimed his fifth victory of the year, matching the total of Mansell, who clinched the title two weeks ago in Nazareth, Pennsylvania. The win, in dominant fashion, put Tracy third in the final standings, behind Mansell and Fittipaldi.

New Zealand Endeavour heads the pack

SOUTHAMPTON (AFP) — Grant Dalton's New Zealand Endeavour and Japanese yacht Tokio, skippered by fellow Kiwi Chris Dickson, went their own way Monday as they continued their dogfight at the bead of the Whitbread Round the World Yacht Race. Both followed their own track to the west of the race fleet, tracked by the Spanish entrant Galicia 93 Pescanova at 0755 GMT. Dehydration was the key enemy as crews worked hard to maximise their speed with a series of sail trimming and changing manoeuvres in increasing heat.

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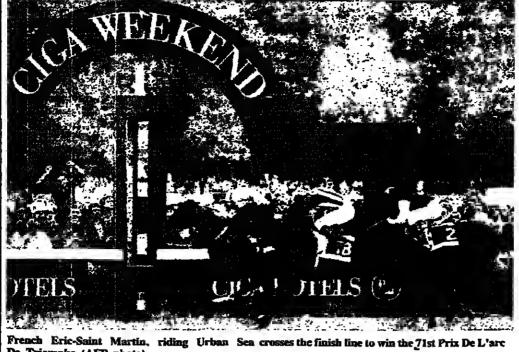
Realizing South was unlikely to have a four-card heart suit and that A x was excellent support for a suit

slam.
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ize that the only threat to the slam lay in a 4-0 trump split. Having uncovered the danger, any player with a rudimentary knowledge of safety plays would have brought home the slam.

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led the seven of diamonds and run it. As the cards lis, that would have won and West would have been held to one trump trick. Had West shown out on the first trump, declares trump, and East would have been limited to one trump trick. And the East hand, that would have



Japan Cup on agenda of globe-trotting Arc winner

PARIS (R) — Battling filly Urban Sea could be on her travels again after repulsing the big shots to win Sunday's Prix De L'arc De Triomphe.

Trainer Jean Lesbordes said: She is a great traveller and has already run in Canada, America, Hong Kong and Bri-tain. The Japan Cup may now be on for her." Urban Sea's 37-1 victory in

the hands of Eric Saint-Martin came as a surprise to many, although the filly had won her last two races in France, one a Group Three event.
Both were over 2,000 metres

as opposed to the 2,400 metres of the Arc but Lesbordes, recording by far the biggest suc-cess of his career, said: "When she won last time out at Deauville in August I said she would go straight to the Arc without a preparatory race.
"I also said she would stay

2,400 metres without any problem. She showed that when she was a good third in last year's Prix Vermeille (over 2,400 metres) when she was some way short of Maturity." Urban Sea's neck victory

over English-trained outsider White Muzzle was a family

Jockey Saint-Martin, 28, winning the Arc on his first

PARIS (AFP) - Real Madrid

avoided their fourth consecu-

tive defeat despite being re-

duced to ten men for most of

the second half of a goalless

Spanish capital derby with

Police lined the streets in anticipation of crowd trouble in reaction to Real's disastrous

start to the season but all the fireworks were on the pitch.

Five players were booked

and Real's international mid-

fielder Rafael Martin Vasquez

was given his marching orders

Atletico took control of the

match then but it was real,

languishing just above the re-

legation zone with only one

win in their first four matches,

Alfonso both forcing good saves from Garrido Diego late

Valecnia's I-1 draw away to

Lerida allowed Athletic Bil-

bao, 2-I winners over Real

Zaragoza, to take over at the

top of the table but Barcelo-

in the match.

who went closest winning -Fernando Hierro and Jerez

two minutes after the break.

Atletico.

longchamp faithful wbo still remember the glorious days of his father Yves-Saint Martin, four times successful in

Europe's greatest race. Yves was there Sunday, following his son to the winner's enclosnre. It was all very emo-

Up in the grandstand, 20year-old Clement Lesbordes, who belps his father with the training, was in tears as his favourite borse stormed home through the heavy ground. Lesbordes junior rides

Urban Sea in ber training work and has accompanied the filly on her trips round the world. "I lost my voice. We'd landed an incredible bet. Tonight I just keep a promise and get my hair cut," said Lesbordes who is noted for his long blond

Urban Sea is the undoubted star of the Lesbordes stable at Chantilly. Clement Lesbordes paid tribute: "Sbe's not very beautiful and sometimes suffers from arthritis but she has a heart as big as anything."
Winning owner David Tsui,

44, will testify to that. Businessman Tsui, who divides his time between Paris and Hong Kong, moved into the sport only two years ago at

na's first-half performance

against Osasuna Pamplona will

have left few doubting that

they are headed for a fourth

The Catalans, irresistible

against Dynamo Kiev in the

European Cup last weck,

fielded four strikers as they

overran Pamplona in the first

45 minutes before running out

Two goals from Brazilian striker Romario put Johan

Cruyff's side in control at the

break and although they slack-

ened off in the second period

Merino pulled one back for the home side in the 65tb minute but Hristo Stoichkov,

whose appearances have been

limited by the arrival of Romario, scored his first goal

of the season two minutes from

time to make the points secure.

scored right on the final whistle

for Pamplona but the scoreline

Munich bared their teeth by

In Germany, Bayern

flattered the home side.

Poland's Jocek Ziober

were never in any danger.

10-man Real avoid another loss

consecutive title.

3-2 winners.

the suggestion of his wife. Urban Sea was among three horses he bought at the Deauville sales. The filly cost about \$45,000. Sunday's success was worth over \$750,000.

Nowadays, most of Lesbor-des's borse belong to Tsui, who could become a major figure on the turf. Certainly Sunday the big names were left with plenty to ponder. Sheikh Mohammad's pair of

Opera House and Intrepidity did well, finishing a respectable third and fourth. But Khalid Abdullah's well-

fancied duo of Armlger and Wemyss bight were only 15th and 21st, the favourite Hernando, owned by Stavros Niarchos, finished 16th and the Aga Khan's bighly regarded Shemaka was last of the 23 runners. English disappointment at

failing in the Arc for the fourth year in succession was partly tempered by the stunning sixlength success of the filly Lochsong in the Prix De L'abbaye, a race for Europe's top sprin-

Lochsong and Jockey Frankie Dettori blazed away to dazzling effect, covering the one kilometre at an average speed of 60,3 kph, a remarkable performance in the conditions.

crushing on-form Hamburg 4-0 in front of 63,000 supporters in

Thomas Helmer opened the

scoring just before half-time

and as Hamburg pushed for-ward for the equaliser, Markus

Schupp, Alfonso Valencia and

Mehhet Scholl exploited the

gaps left at the back to add

second two weeks ago, have now slipped to fiftfh, just

ahead of Bayern. Leaders Eintracht Frank-

furt, deprived of top scorer Anthony Yeboah who had a

knee operation Thursday, ex-

tended their lead to three

points by beating 1991-92 champions VFB Stuttgart 2-0.

Hamburg, who were lying

the Olympic Stadium.

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LEIPZIG (AFP) — World , forehand passes, number one Steffi Graf will . Graf is now un

undergo surgery on her foot. casting doubt on whether she will play in the end-of-season women's tour championships in New York in November.

By Aleen Bannayan

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - Jordan's national basketbail team Monday

played their best match of the International Baskethall Tournament defeating Iran's

Al Talaba 96-96 on the oth day of the competition orga-

nised by the Jordan Bushetball Federation (187).

The two undefeated teams of the tournament, Russia's CSKA Moscow and Bulgaria's Himik, were to clash for

the title in Monday's late

match. The two other partici-

pating teams Lebanon: -: Hikmeh and Irag's A! Nait

The Iraqi team, who had won their last two matches

78-77 and 89-83 over Al Filt-

meh and Al Naft respective-

ly, were stunned when the

Jordanian team took the lead

at first and then built a com-manding lead of over 17 poins. However, Al Talaba, led by their undisputed stat

Thamer Mustafa, did not sur-

render to defeat, and towards

the end of the game nar-

rowed the wide gap to three

points with 44 seconds re-

The Kingdom's team se-

cured defensive rebounding

and by the concerted efforts

of Walid Badran, Molicin-

mad Al Shamali and Marwan

Al Saeedi teaming up with Samir Murqus and Marwan

Ma'toug they successfully li-mited the visiting team's scor-

ing and led 8-2 after two

Mustafa's individual efforts

Murqus, Bardran, Muntas-

er Abultavyeb. Yousef Zagh-

loul and Shamali displayed

what teamwork could achieve

as they led 26-18 in the 10th

A three-pointer by Murgus

and another three points by

Shamali took their lead to

enabled the Iraqi team to

catch up and lead 9-8.

three-pointers by Ma'touq.

were given a rest.

"I cracked a bone in my foot on Friday. I hope it will only be a minor operation," Graf said after beating Jana Novotna 6-2, 6-0 to win the Leipzig Tournament for the fourth consecutive year.

· There were few signs of discomfort from the injury as Graf overwhelmed Novotna in a re-run of of the Wimbledon final - where the Czech squandered a 41 lead in the final set.

"That was as good tennis as i can play," Graf said afterwards. "I did not give her a chance to get into the match." At Wimbledon, Novotna was able to unsettle the German by charging the net but every time she came off the baseline Sunday she was left

helpless by thundering Graf

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Kuwaitl officers interrogated in Iran

KUWAIT CITY (AFP) - Two Kuwaiti officers, who were among 19 people seized by the Iranian coastguard Friday, are being interrogated in Iran on charges of spying, the Kuwait Times reported Monday. The newspaper, citing "reliable sources close to the Interior Ministry," said that the unamed officers were accused of "spying in Iranian territorial waters." An Iranian diplomat told the Kuwait Times: "It is only natural that we will be very concerned and anything related to this should take some time going through routine checks." He said that the detained Kuwaitis would be released once Iranian investigators were satisfied that no spying was involved, the daily added. On Sunday a Kuwaiti official reported that the Iranian authorities had seized five Kuwaiti fishing boats and seized 19 people who were on board outside Kuwaiti territorial

Daily regrets absence of iran-iraq unity

TEHRAN (AFP) - The semi-official Tehran Times Monday deplored the absence of unity between Iran and Iraq against Western "imperialism." but said the planned visit of an Iranian official to Baghdad offered a real chance for improving ties. "Iraq has been claiming in recent years that its principal objective is to fight imperialism and the United States," said the English-language newspaper. "If there is any truth in that claim, then Iraq should have joined forces with Iran which has been on the forefront of the struggle." The paper expressed hope that a scheduled visit to Baghdad by Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Mohammad Zarif would help solve differences between the two countries and open "a new era in relations." The decision for Mr. Zarif's visit was taken in a nveeting Friday between Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati and his Iraqi counterpart Mohammad Said Al Sahaf on the sidelines of the U.N. General Assembly. The paper called on Iraq to take a series of steps ahead of Mr. Zarifa visit to r rove it is serious about reestablishing ties with Iran. "As a good start, Iraq could open its holy sites to Iranian pilgrims," it said, referring to Iraq's major Shiite shrines in the cities of Karluala and Najaf.

isia mic Jihad chief visits Iran

TEHF AN (AFP) — The secretary general of Palestinian group Islamie Jihad, Fathi Shiqaqi, is holding talks here with Iranian officials on the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO)-Israeli accord, the official news agency IRNA said Monday. He met Sunday with the vice-chairman of the Iranian parliament's foreign policy subcommittee, Mohammad Javad Larijan i and is expected to hold discussions with other top officials. Mr. Shiqaqi blasted PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat for his "most disgrace:ful" move in agreeing to a deal for limited Palestinian autonomy. But he vowed Muslim groups in the occupied territories would continue intifada with determination and "target the Zionists" regardless of any accords. Mr. Larijani, who is also a member of Iran's National Security Cooocil, said Iran attached "great importance to Palestinian-

58,000 immigrants arrive in Israei

TEL AVIV (AFP) — More than 58,000 immigrants settled in Israel during the first nine months of the year, the Jewish Agency said Monday. All hut 11,000 emigrated from the former Soviet Union said the para-government agency, which looks after immigration. Jewish Agency chairman Simcha Dinitz said in a statement that the dramatic events in Moscow were causing "concern." But about 7,000 Russian Jews were still expected to leave for Israel during October and the next flight was due to land in Tel Aviv on Tuesday. "There is no panic among Moscovite Jews," he said. Some 250,000 Jews live in Moscow and 600,000 in the Russian Federation, according to the agency, which is trying to attract them to Israel. About 80,000 immigrants, the majority from the Soviet empire, are expected to settle in the con year, slightly up on the 76,500 who arrived last year. A total of 534,000 Jews - 457,000 from the ex-Soviet Union - have immigrated to Israel since 1989 when the Kremlin opened the

Jews. Christian Zionists march through Jerusalem

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (AFP) - Thousands of Israelis and Christian Zionists from around the world paraded through Jerusalem Monday to mark the feast of Tabernacles. More than 4,000 Christians, including from Japan, South Korea and the Philippines, dressed in their national costumes and sang religious songs as they marched through the heart of Jerusalem to the old city. The feast lasts seven days and commemorates the "sukkot" or Tabernacles in which the children of Israel dwelt in the wilderness after the exodus from Egypt. The annual parade is organised by the International Christian Embassy, which interprets the Bible as requiring support for Jews and Israel with Jerusalem as capital. The embassy, set up in 1980, sees itself as representing a "nation" of Christian

Kuwait City revives council after 7-year break

KUWAIT CITY (AFP) - Voters on Monday went to the polls to revive the Kuwait City Council which was dissolved seven years ago by the emir. Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah dissolved the last council in 1986, at the same time as be scrapped parliament which was becoming increasingly critical of his government. Some 82,000 Kuwaitis have to choose 10 representatives from amnng 53 candidates for the 16-seat council. The other six will be appointed by the government.

Moroccan party rejets leader's resignation

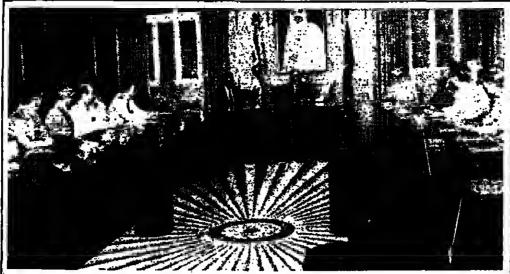
RABAT (R) - Morocco's main socialist opposition party said Monday it refused to accept the resignation of its leader Abdul Rahman Yousoufi. Mr. Yousoufi handed in his resignation as leader of the Socialist Union of People's Forces (USEP) in protest against what he said was government interference in the legislative elections in June and September. The politburo rejected his resignation last week and the central committee followed suit at a meeting in Rabat on Sunday, party deputy secretary Mohammad Yazghri told Reuters. The USFP and its trade union ally the Confederation democratique du Travail won 56 seats out of 333 in the new chamber of representatives, the highest score of any party. No party won a clear majority, making it practically impossible for the opposition to get into power unless it joins a coalition with centrists.

Bangiadeshis deploy on iraq-Kuwalt border

KUWAITY CITY (AFP) — A mechanised infantry battalion from Bangladesh will be deployed along the Iraq-Kuwait border to maintain security, the spokesman of the U.N. Iraq-Kuwait Observer Mission (UNIKOM) said Monday.
Abdul Latif Kabbaj said the 750-strong armed hattalion was expected to arrive in December ahead of their deployment.
"Their mission will be mainly to restore calm should serious incidents hreak out on the border," he told AFP.

George Jouiwan appointed NATO commander

WASHINGTON (AFP) - President Bill Clinton appointed General George Joulwan Monday to be North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) supreme commander, replacing General Joho Shalishkashvili. Gen. Joulwan, 53, is eurrently commander-in-chief of the U.S. Southern Command in Panama, a position he has held since November 1990. The 11th supreme allied commander since NATO was formed in 1949. Gen. Joulwan was approved for the post by the alliance's member natioos, the Pentagon said. The post has always been held by an American. His predecessor, Gen. Shalishkashvili, has been nominated as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.



KING MEETS DEFENCE COLLEGE TEAM: His Majesty King Hussein Monday received a delegation from the British Royal Defence College. King Hussein discussed with them the Middle East peace process and Jordan'a role towards attaining a permanent and just peace in

the region. The King emphasised the importance of stability and security and ensuring respect for human rights and freedoms. He said Jordan was keen on maintaining and enhancing the process of democracy and in contributing to the U.N. peace-keeping operations (Petra

Allies meet Ghali on Libya, reaffirm their firm stand

UNITED NATIONS (Agencies) — Britain, France and the United States reiterated Monday that they wanted a written guarantee to hand over the Lockerbie suspects before abandoning tighter sanctions

against Libya. Representatives of the three countries met with U.N. Secretary General Boutros Ghali here Monday and made it clear their position had not changed following the latest moves from Libya, diplomatie sources said.

The three have said they are willing to meet with the Libyan side, but only to discuss the mechanics of a handover and on the understanding that it would take place within two weeks of that meeting, diplomats here said.

France has said that nothing short of a written pledge to hand the men over will be enough to lift the threat of new sanctions.

"There is a chance that there, may be a meeting this (Monday) afternoon or perhaps tomorrow" between Dr. Ghali and Libyan Foreign Minister Omar Al Muntasser, the secretary general's spokesman

He would hrief the Libyan minister on what he had been told by the three Western na-

tions and get his reaction.
"The secretary general is continuing his efforts to achieve a speedy implementa-

resolution" of April last year which called for the handing over of the suspects, Dr. Gha-

li's spokesman Joe Sills said. The defence team for two Libyans, accused of blowing up a U.S. airliner over Scotland in 1988, said it will meet in Tripoli to decide whether to advise the men to stand trial in Scot-

The British lawyer for Abdel Baset Ali Mohammad Al Meg-rahi and Al Amin Khalifa Fhimah said in a statement the meeting would probably take place on Friday. Stephen Mitchell said the

statement was issued with the authority of Libyan lawyer Ibrahim Legwell, who is heading the defence team. "Dr. Legwell has called a

meeting of the defence team and its specialist advisers in Tripoli at the earliest opporthe statement said, adding that the meeting would probably take place on Friday in the Libyan capital.

"The defence team will form a concluded opinion which will be discussed with Megrahi and Fhimah," Mr. Mitchell said. "It is expected that Megrahi and Fhimah will thereupon decide whether or not to go to Scotland."

The United States and Britain issued arrest warrants in November 1991 for the arrest of the two Lihyans on charges of planting the bomb that blew

up Pan Am flight 103 over the Scottish village of Lockerbie, killing 270 people.

Meanwhile Libya has asked its oil customers to pay for crude in currencies other than dollars, apparently in anticipation of an international freeze on its assets abroad, according

to a report published Monday. The Middle East Economie Survey (MEES) said the policy was prompted by Libyan fears that it would lose control of dollar payments moving within the international payment system if the United States, Britaio and France imposed sanc-

The official Libyan News Agency JANA said Monday the Tripoli government was "actively encouraging" the Lockerbie suspects "to agree to be tried in any country, hut it cannot force them to give themselves up because that contravenes the principles of human rights and international conventions.

But time is running out for Libya, and while awaiting a response the three Western countries are going ahead with the process of bringing the new sanctions resolution to a vote, diplomats said.

That will involve discussions with various other Security Council members on the resolution, followed by formal council consultations on the matter which is likely to take at

Yeltsin routs foes in armed showdown

(Continued from page 1) and the hardline Officers' Union, composed of servicemen opposed to Mr. Yeltsin's reform policies.

Interfax said the order had been made under the terms of a state of emergency declared by Mr. Yeltsin Sunday night after proof that these parties had "violated rights and exceeded their authorities" and

taken part in unrest. Dozens of wounded and dead were blocked in areas located inside or near the parliament, a spokesman for municipal services said.

Throughout the day, gun battles and artillery shots from dozens of T-72 tanks resounded from the area surrounding the parliament while thousands of onlookers gathered across the Moskova River and on a nearby bridge.

In an address broadcast on television, Mr. Yeltsin blamed the violence on armed "com-munist revanehists" who attacked a television broadcast centre and a municipal building on Sunday, killing about 20 people and wounding 100

This armed communist riot will be crushed as quickly as possible," the Russian leader vowed, stating that those "who brandished the red Soviet flag made red blood flow in all of Russia.

"Their calculations proved incorrect and the people will condemn these eriminals. They will have no pardon ... because they raised their hand against Moseow, against sacred things," he said. Elite crack army troops be-

gan infiltrating the opposition-held parliament a few hours after armoured troops transporters and tanks were deployed near the building and along the main streets leading up to the White House. The Kremlin issued an ulti-

matum to rebels to surrender by 2:00 p.m. (1100 GMT) or face an assault hy rapidreaction "Alpha" brigades who had already stormed and seized four floors of the 19storey huilding.

In one the most tense moments of the day. White House defenders opened fire from in-

side parliament as Defence Minister General Pavel Grachev arrived to the scene to negotiate the surrender. Tanks immediately re-

sponded and shot several rounds into the parliament building, sending black smoke billowing from the windows and sparking fires that en-gulfed several floors. Shooting continued in the

area surrounding the White House following the surrender of the deputies and the arrest nf parliamentary leaders, ineluding Mr. Rutskoi, who was proclaimed "president" in the hours after Mr. Yeltsin's de-

Mr. Khasbulatov and Mr. Rutskoi told a reporter from the newspaper Corriere Della sera that they had asked Western ambassadors to guarantee their security but there was no reaction from government leaders.

Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin had said earlier he would accept only complete and unconditional surrender. From Washington to Albania — once the most hardline

communist coontries -

world leaders spoke out and denounced the Russian hardliners who defeoded the burning parliament building. The European Community

said Mr. Yeltsin had been left with no choice but to use force to end the crisis. The community brought forward the date of a summit with

Russia to show its strong support for Mr. Yeltsin, Belgian Foreign Minister Willy Claes Albanian President Sali Be-

risha said in a press release: "There is no doubt that President Yeltsin's reaction against yesterday's conp d'etat in Moscow is a fully legal act which aims at reestablishing order and calm.

As Mr. Yeltsin's planned visit to Japan this month lonked unlikely, Tokyn re-newed support for Mr. Yeltsin but feared the violence could affect Russia's reforms.

Meanwhile, seven leaders of the Commonwealth of Independent States pledged their support for Mr. Yeltsin and blamed "anti-democratic forces" for the violence.

Suicide bomb attack in W. Bank

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opposed to peace are trying to do everything to sabotage the

peace process," he said. Israeli security sources identified the Palestinian driver as Kamal Bani Odeh of Tamoun village, a wanted member of Hamas.

The attack occurred at 7:30 (05:30 GMT) as the hus made a stop outside the headquarters of the Israeli military govern-ment north of occupied Jerusalem, just outside Ramallah. "The Arab driver of the car

bomb was killed in the hlast, military officials said, adding: The army closed the area and began an investigation."

Hospitals said 30 people were treated. Only three were more than lightly injured. The army earlier said 23 passengers, including soldiers, were hurt in the explosion. Mr. Rabin said on Sunday

that Israeli security forces were

targeting militants bent on con-

that 19 Hamas fighters had been captured in the occupied West Bank in the past few months. Under the peace deal with the PLO, Israel will begin

withdrawing its army from the

tinuing attacks. He announced

Gaza Strip and Jericho starting on Dec. 13 and give Palestinians limited self-rule. On Suoday, an Israeli woman waiting for a bus was wounded io her leg hy shots fired from a passing car oear Bethlehem in the West Bank,

the army said. The army announced Sunday it had smashed three Hamas cells on the West Bank and arrested 19, two days after a massive sweep through the Gaza strip left two Hamas ritories. members dead and another 16

under arrest. A wanted fighter of the Hawks, an armed wing of the main PLO group Fatch, was shot in the legs and arrested Monday in Rafah, sources said. I him he would not be coming.

Sharaa: No peace without Syrian role achieve peace than those who

UNITED NATIONS (AFP) - Syria said here Monday that there could be no peace in the Middle East without its participation and argued that all states must be satisifed for any peace agreement to last. Syrian Foreign Minister

Farouk Al Sharaa also attacked the United States in a speech to the General Assembly, accusing it of using the Uoited Nations to further its own political ends.

He reaffirmed Damascus's position that lasting peace in the Middle East cannot be achieved uoless Israel makes peace with all its Arab neighbours, rather than pursuing agreements with each individually.

"We think that the most serious threats the peace process faces are the Israeli attempts to give the impression. as if peace has been achieved in the region" after signing an autonomy agreement with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) last month, he said.

"Syria is, in fact, more se-rious and keen in its efforts to

deviated from Arab coordination, and through their separate aigning have opened the doors of the region to all kiods of options," he said:

Mr. Sharaa, who was due to travel to Washington Tuesday, argued that Israeli and Arab interests had to be considered wheo reaching a peace agreement. The peace that may receive a broad and continued support is the peace that is honourable for us as well as for the others," he said.

Syria is demanding that Israel retorn the Golan Heights, which its seized in the 1967 war; in exchange for

The Syrian foreign minister accused the Uoited States, although not by name, of using the international organisation for its own purposes.
"It is not reasonable... to
have the mechanisms of the

United Nations manipulated sometimes to intervene in the internal affairs of countries under one pretext or another,"

Rabin appeals to Lebanese and Syrian Druze for peace

JULIS (Agencies) — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, speaking at the funeral of Israel's top Druze spiritual leader Monday, appealed pub-licly to mourners from Lebanon and Syria to take home a

message of peace.
Tens of thousands of people. including Israeli leaders and generals, attended the funderal of Sheikh Amin Tarif, who died oo Saturday, aged 95, at the northern Israeli village of

An Israeli spokesman said oo Sunday at least 1,300 Druze Arabs from Lebanon and Syria would be allowed to attend even though Israel is formally at war with both countries.

"This sad event is an opportunity to appeal again to the members of the community that arrived yesterday and to-day from Syria and Lebanon, to tell them to return to their homes and be messengers of peace," Mr. Rabin told mour-

Israel has been in peace talks with Lebanon and Syria for two years hut failed to make progress. It has in the past let Syrian Druze visit relatives on the Golan Heights, which it-seized from Syria in 1967.

A succession fight is expected between Druze backers and detractors of Sheikh Tarif's 30-year-old grandson Muwafak Tarif. The elder Tarif's leadership dates hack to 1928 - two decades before the creation of Israel,

The Druze religion is a secretive faith that broke from mainstream Islam early in the 11th century. Israel's Druze community, which has good relations with the government, numbers just under 70,000 people.

Druze serve in Israel's army

and chief Lieutenant-General Ehud Barak attended the ceremony Mr. Rabin led the mourners at the funeral.

Mr. Rabin said Mr. Tarif, who died overnight Saturday-Sunday, was a "man of peace." He orged the Druze from Lebanon and Syria to act as go-betweens for peace" in the Middle East.

However, several hondred Druze from Syria failed to complete the formalities to cross the U.N.-manned ceasefire line at Quneitra in time for

the funeral, police said. "For dozens of years he led his people with wisdom, understanding and streogth of purpose earning tremendous respect not only among his com-munity but also among all the other communities of the Mid-dle East," President Ezer Weizman wrote in a letter of condolence to the family. Mr. Weizman paid his re-

spects at Julis Sunday. While the Israeli Druze serve in the army, another 15,000 Druze live on the Golan Heights and remain loyal to Syria. Nearly 300 Israeli Druze

have died serving Israel. The 31-year-old grandson of Taref, who won the Israel prize in 1990, the coontry's highest cultural honour, is expected to inherit the role of spiritual

The Druze are concentrated in the Galilee region io Israel and spread across Lebanon

Israelis expect World Bank team next week

The Jerusalem Post

A WORLD Bank mission is to arrive in (occupied) Jerusalem next week seeking ways to implement its plans for investment in the territories, while the PLO's top economie planner, Ahmad Qurei'a, denied that he will arrive to present the PLO's own economic ideas.

The World Bank team of 25 or more officials is scheduled to arrive on October 11 for three weeks, Palestinian officials said.

PLO economists have prepared a 1,600 page economic plan which elashes in several respects with the World Bank's own 600 page, six-volume re-port on the development of the Palestinian economy.

The PLO plan was prepared in July by the PLO's department of Economie Affairs and Planning, which is headed by Qurei'a, better known as Abu Alaa. Abu Alaa, a central figure in

the secret negotiations between Israel and the PLO, was the focus of news reports Sunday that he would arrive in Jerusalem this month to attend an economic conference organised by the business daily Globes.

Qurei'a, in Tuois, told Reuters, "the report is baseless and my visit to Jerusalem is dependent on the Israeli army withdrawing from the occupied ter-

The harsh denial was not surprising. Earlier, Palestinian economist Samir Huleileh, who met Qurei'a in Brussels eight days ago, told the Jeru-salem Post that Qurei'a told One reason, Huleiten said, was that "a leading PLO official would not dare precede PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat to Jerusalem.

mittees who is closely involved with economic planning, said he would be "willing to bet" that Qurei'a would not come before Arafat. The question of diplomatie priorities extends to naming the technical committees, which

Hassan Abu Libdeh, the de-

puty head of the technical com-

will start negotiating with Israel from mid-October on the modalities of transferring authority in Gaza and Jericho. Huleileh said that Arafat would not name the Palestician negotiators until the PLO Central Council, which is scheduled to meet oo October 10.

Israel-PLO accord. On Friday, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rahin criticised the PLO leadership for its delay in naming its negotiating team.

confirms its support for the

The PLO economie plan. called "a programme for development of the Palestinian economy for the years 1994-2000," is to be the basis of much of the technical negotia-

A 100-page English summary calls for a "rehabilitation period" of two years in which money from abroad should be spent hy public Palestinian governing bodies on educa-tion, health, social services and charitable organisations, which were severely effected by the reduction in PLO funds during the past two years.

The World Baok recommenda that educatioo and health should be left to private

Vatican to beatify Romero

SAN SALVADOR (AFP) The Vatican has given the go-ahead for the beatification of slain archhishop Oscar Amulfo Romero, San Salvador's auxiliary bishop anoounced Sunday. Auxiliary Bishop Gregorio Rosa Chavez said in his Sunday bomily that the Roman Catholic Church oo Sept. 22 had approved initiating the process. The announcement marks the first step toward beatification - a milestone on the road to sainthood for Arch. Romero, who was a harsh critie of social injustice and military repression during the government's 12-year civil war with leftist rebels, which ended in 1992. Arch. Romero was assassinated with a gunshot to the heart as he said mass in downtown San Salvador on

1.65 million signatures collected for gun control

TOKYO (AFP) - A citizens'

March 24, 1980.

group led by the parents of a Japanese student who was shot to death in the United States has collected 1.65 million signatures to press demands for U.S. gun control, group offi-cials said Monday. The signa-tures will be handed to President Bill Clinton to mark the death of Yoshihiro Hattori, who was killed when he went to the wrong home in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, while looking for a party oo Oct. Ig last year. "We believe the incident created opportunities to review society in the United States," Mieko Hattori, Yoshihiro's mother, told reporters, "We appreciate the support of so many people," she said. "We would like to tell the president of the United States of our wish." The I6-year-old Japanese boy was on his way to a Halloweeo costume party but. accidentally weot to the house of Rodney Peairs, who said he feared for his life when Hattori approached him and ignored his command to "freeze;" Hattori, who did not understand the expression, was shot in the throat and killed. In July, Hattori's parents sued the 31-yearold American, who was found innocent of manslaughter in

New York to restore Times Square's luster

NEW YORK (AFP) - New

York City waots to bring back Times Square's old glitz and glamour, fixing up deteriorating blocks of homes that house sex shops and fast food stands. Located at the intersection of 42nd Street and Broadway, Times Square is a hub of New York nightlife, lit up with ocon signs for theatres, movie houses and night clubs clamouring for attention. It is also where New Yorkers gather to celebrate on New Year's Eve and on election night. But the eastern edge of the square, with its mix of threatres and boarded-up buildiogs, some housing squatters, is becoming positively dangerous. "All that blight, all that obscenity is going to be gone. We're going to re-create the old Times Square," said New York Governor Mario Cuomo in presenting plans for renovation. The city, with financial help from New York State, announced that it would spent \$35 million to buy op property between 42od and 43rd Streets, and complete a threeyear-old plan to buy \$185 million worth of property in the area. An earlier plan that called for the construction of four enormous skyserapers was abandoned as economically non-viable since there were huge amounts of office space vacant at the time.

Titanic's finder to scour Black Sea for ancient wrecks

AUCKLAND (AFP) - The occanographer who found the wrecks of the Titanie and the German hattieship Bismarck predicted Monday he would discover well-preserved ancient ships on his next expedition to explore the Black Sea. U.S. citizen Robert Ballard said on Radio Zealand that few ancient wooden ships had survived on the sea bottom because of the ravages of the ship's worm, which eats timbers away. But unique conditions in the Black Sea had led him to believe there were good chances of uncovering a major

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